

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church

September 2, 2012

Taste & See

*Taste and see that the LORD is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.
Psalm 34:8*





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.

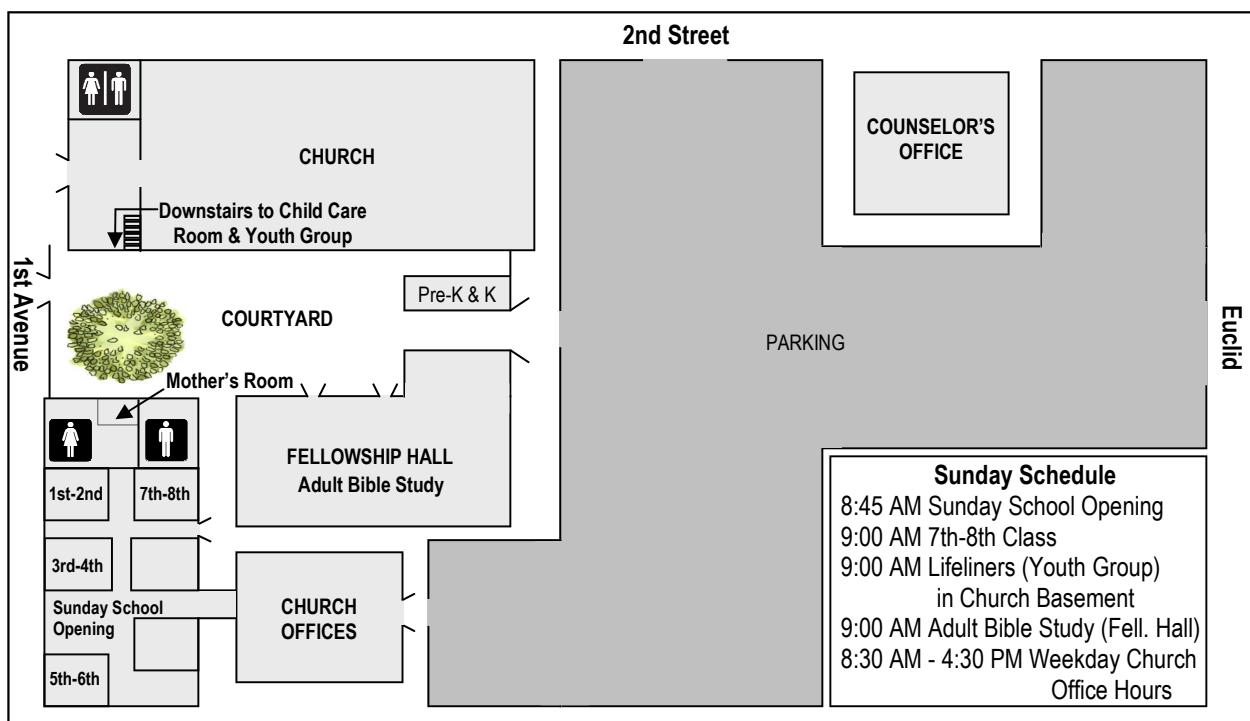
Large print worship folders are available in the entryway. You may also ask an usher or greeter to get one for you.

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 back entryway, sometimes that's all that's needed
- go down the stairs to the left in the front 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 along with CDs of the entire worship service for those who would like to review or take to a friend or family member. You may also find sermons and services in print, audio and video on our website:

www.GraceTucsonWELS.com



Taste and See

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Please stand

MINISTER: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

CONGREGATION: Amen.

M: In the beginning, God created a perfect world. He created perfect people and provided them all that they needed for their bodies and lives.

C: God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

Genesis 1:31

M: So that they might worship him, God gave Adam and Eve the command to avoid eating the fruit of one special tree.

C: You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.

Genesis 2:16-17

M: Tempted by Satan, Adam and Eve ate from this tree. The perfect creation was ruined. Their relationship with God was devastated.

C: Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

Genesis 3:8

M: But God gave to Adam and Eve the promise of a Savior, one who would set right forever what they had done wrong.

C: So the Lord God said to the serpent, "...I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

Genesis 3:14-15

M: All of Adam and Eve's natural descendants, including each of us, have been conceived and born in sin in the image of our sinful parents.

C: Sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned.

Romans 5:12

M: We confess our sinful condition and our sins of thought, word, and deed:

C: Holy and merciful Lord, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. I have disobeyed you in many ways by doing what you forbid and by failing to do what you command. Have mercy on me, a sinner.

God promises forgiveness of sins in his Word. As repentant sinners, we are assured of this forgiveness by the pastor, with the same certainty as if this were coming from God himself.

M: As God promised first to Adam and Eve, he sent his own beloved Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Jesus lived a perfect life for us and died an innocent death to save us. Having heard your confession, I as God's called servant forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

Psalm 34:8

Oh, Taste and See

In response to God's
mercy and
forgiveness,
Christians praise
God and proclaim
his goodness.

This arrangement of
"Oh, Taste and See"
was written by
Grace member
Kathy Parra.

This song is
comprised of two
Bible passages:
Psalm 34:8 and
Psalm 119:89

ALL

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

WOMEN

Bless-ed are they who take re - fuge in him.

MEN

Your Word, O Lord, ___ is e - ter - nal; ___

WOMEN

It stands ___ firm in the heav - - ens. Your

ALL

Your

faith - ful - ness con - ti - - - nues for - ev - - - -

faith - ful - ness con - ti - - - nues for - ev - - - -

er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Bless - ed are they ___ who take re - fuge in him.

Bless - ed are they ___ who take re - fuge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, 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

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” “You will not surely die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD

Genesis 3:1-15

God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?” He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.” And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?” The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

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, today it is from the book of Revelation) and the Gospel.

VOICES OF GRACE

*God's Son has made me free
From Satan's tyranny;
From fear of death, and bonds of sin;
From all that plagues my soul within.*

*O boundless love, he came, he died,
He rose forever glorified!
He came to give, to die,
That I might live on high.*

God's Son Has Made Me Free

*The Holy One divine,
Became a friend of mine.
From heaven high, from starry sky,
He came to live, to die.*

*From heaven high, from starry sky,
He came to die that I might live
With him eternally.
God's Son has made me free.*

*Words by H. A. Brorson
Music by Edvard Grieg
Arr. by Oscar Overby*

SECOND LESSON

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his

Revelation 22:1-7

name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever. The angel said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place.” “Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book.”

The Verse of the Day
is a familiar or
significant Scripture
text framed with
alleluias.

Today's Verse of the
Day is John 20:31.

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

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!

Please stand

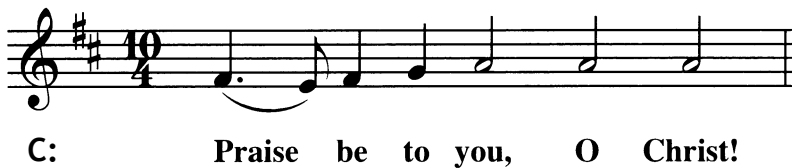
GOSPEL

John 5:24-30

“I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself. And he has given

him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man. Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned. By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY (see page 12)

Jerusalem the Golden
Christian Worship Supplement #728

SERMON

Revelation 22:1-7
Miracle Fruit from a Miracle Tree in a Miracle Place

Please stand

NICENE CREED

C: 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.

Please 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 row and pass it along. Thank you!

Please 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.

The Nicene Creed was first developed in 325 at the First Council of Nicea. It was written to reaffirm the Biblical teaching of the divinity of Jesus, God's Son. Like the Apostles' and Athanasian Creeds, the Nicene Creed is a confession of what the Bible teaches.

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

10:00 AM—
Allegro from Suite Gothique
By Leon Boellmann



If you prefer, use your smart phone to give online by scanning this QR code.

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."

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.

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.

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 8 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.

This ancient worship song is based on songs of praise recorded in Isaiah 6 and Psalm 118.

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.



C: A - - - men.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all. The words of this song are based on John 1:29, where John the Baptist refers to Jesus this way.

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.

We provide **gluten-free communion wafers** for those with wheat allergy, gluten-sensitivity or celiac disease. These wafers are stored and handled separately to avoid cross-contamination. They are "bread" as Scripture requires and are consecrated along with the rest of the bread. For those requiring gluten-free wafers, please take one from the container on the stand located at the front rail as you approach for communion. Simply hold it so that the pastor can see it at the time of distribution.

Grape juice is available for those who for health or medical reason require it instead of wine. Please speak with a pastor about providing grape juice for you on future Sundays.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

The Bible teaches that the Lord's Supper is a unique communion of Christ and the individual believer as well as a coming together of people who hold to the same beliefs. Because of these Scriptural truths, we practice **Member Communion** at Grace. Those who are confirmed members of Wisconsin Synod congregations (WELS) are invited to receive the Lord's Supper with us.

If you are not a WELS member but have an interest in receiving Holy Communion, please speak with one of our pastors after church today or at another time. We are aware that there are a number of other teachings about Holy Communion, and we want it to be a blessing for you, so we would look forward to sharing with you what God says about this Sacrament.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (10:00—see page 13)

What Is This Bread?
Christian Worship Supplement #742

Please stand

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!

PRAYER

M: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, this day you have allowed us to taste and see that you are good. The blessing of your Word and Sacrament has enlightened our hearts and minds with the good news of your love and salvation. Be with us as we go out into the world to share this with others so that they too may taste and see your salvation.

C: A - men.

BLESSING

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 upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing
Christian Worship #141

The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So I will put my name on [them], and I will bless them." Numbers 6:27

(Voices of Grace will sing stanza 2 a cappella)

END TIME

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Jerusalem the Golden



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With
 Choir: 2 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The
 3 The Christ is ev - er with them; The

milk and hon - ey blest— The sight of it re -
 home of God's e - lect! Oh, sweet and bless - ed
 day - light is se - rene. The pas - tures of the

fresh - es The wea - ry and op - pressed: I
 coun - try That ea - ger hearts ex - pect, Where
 bless - ed Are ev - er rich and green. There

know not, oh, I know not What joys a - wait us
 they who with their lead - er Have con - quered in the
 is the throne of Da - vid; And there from care re -

there, What ra - dian-cy of glo - ry, What
 fight For - ev - er and for - ev - er Are
 leased, The shout of them that tri - umph, The

bliss be - yond com - pare: To sing the hymn un -
 clad in robes of white. Je - sus in mer - cy
 song of them that feast. To God en - throned in

end - ing With all the mar - tyr throng, A -
 bring us To that dear land of rest Where
 glo - ry The Church's voic - es blend, The

midst the halls of Zi - on Re - sound - ing full with song.
 sings the host of heav - en Your glo - rious name to bless.
 Lamb for - ev - er bless - ed, The Light that knows no end.

This twelfth century hymn, first conceived by Bernard of Cluny, depicts an idyllic, heavenly scene. The hymn is gloriously set to the English folk tune THAXTED.

Text: Bernard of Cluny, 12th century

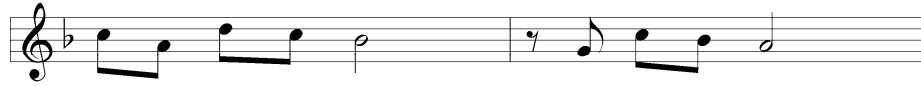
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What Is This Bread?



1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from	the	dead:	This	bread	we	break.
Je - sus	shed	for	mine;	The	cup	of	grace
live	and	he	should	die	Un - der	the	rod?
Word	and	prom - ise	clear.	In	mouth	and	soul
giv - en	and	set	free!	I	do	be - lieve	



This	life	we	take	Was	crushed	to	pay	for	our	re -
Brings	his	em - brace		Of	life	and	love	un - til	I	
My	God,	my	God,	Why	have	you	not	for - sak - en		
He	makes	us	whole—	Christ,	tru - ly	pre - sent	in	this		
That	I	re - ceive		His	ver - y	bod - y	and	his		



lease.	Oh,	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	peace.
sing!	Oh,	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	King.
me?	Oh,	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	free.
meal.	Oh,	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	real.
blood.	Oh,	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	good.

This hymn nicely summarizes Martin Luther's fine discussion on the institution and blessings of Holy Communion as outlined in his Small Catechism.

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

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



This Week at Grace • Sept 2-9

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

TODAY

Worship Services/Communion7:45 & 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 Studies:
• *Evangelism Mentoring Team: Donovan & Ruth*.....9:00a
• *Grow in Grace Class* (Conference Room in Office).....9:00a
Grace-Vail Bible Study at Cottonwood Elementary9:00a
Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem.9:00a
Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary 10:00a
NO WELS Tucson Campus Ministry—Labor Day Wknd.....

Monday

Bible Study at Vail Golf Club: *Book of Acts*.....9:30a

Tuesday

Handbell Preview..... 5:30p

Wednesday

Grace Extension Meeting9:00a
Midweek Bible Study: *Church History*..... 10:00a
Wind Ensemble..... 5:30p
Midweek Bible Study: *Church History*..... 7:00p
Bible Study at the Priggess: *Book of Hebrews*..... 7:00p

Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *Genesis* 9:00a
NO Worship Choir
Boy & Girl Pioneers.....6:30p

Friday

ALA Varsity Football @ Pusch Ridge in Tucson.....7:00p

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• *The Life of Christ: Bonus Parables!* (Fellowship Hall) ..9:00a
• *Grow in Grace Class* (Conference Room in Office).....9:00a
Grace-Vail Bible Study at Cottonwood Elementary9:00a
Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem......9:00a
Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary10:00a
WELS TCM Bible Study: *The Chick-Fil-A Debate*7:00p

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*Grow in the grace
and knowledge of our
Lord and Savior Jesus
Christ. To him be glory
both now and forever!
Amen.
2 Peter 3:18*

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.

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. If you are a guest with us today, please see p. 9 in today's worship folder under "Distribution" for information about our practice of Member Communion.

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Pat Messer in memory of Arlo Cook.

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 the Pauley family. 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

Deuteronomy 4:1, 2, 6-9
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14, 15, 21-23

Sermon Text & Theme

James 1:22-25
Prepare For Life

Thank You

We would like to thank our Evangelism Mentoring Team, Don & Ruth Kemerley, for presenting during the Bible Study hour this morning. The Kemerleys will be in Tucson through September 10, and at other times throughout the year, helping with outreach efforts at Grace-Vail.

Women's Bible Study Resumes this Thursday

Pastor Koehler's class on Genesis will resume this Thursday, September 6 at 9:00 AM. All ladies of Grace and their friends are invited to join us!

Handbell Preview Night

Are you curious about our beautiful handbells? Would you like to try ringing them without committing to handbell choir? Maybe you have experience ringing and would like a refresher. All members of Grace are invited to a Handbell Preview Night this Tuesday, September 4 at 5:30 PM in the basement. We'll learn and practice ringing basics and try out some simple songs! Please contact Beth Kassulke if you plan to attend at music@gracetucsonwels.com or 293-2935. We hope you can join us!

Grace's New Music Coordinator

We are happy to announce that Beth Kassulke is now serving as Grace's new Music Coordinator. We will be blessed by Beth's considerable training and experience in music and worship. We thank her for her willingness to serve the Lord and our congregation. We also thank all of you who helped us determine how to go forward with this new position and those who have given gifts to fund it for the remainder of 2012. If you have questions about how Beth is helping us with music and worship at both sites, feel free to ask her! Beth will be working in the church office most Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am-2pm. If you would like to contact her, you can call the church office during that time, email her at music@gracetucsonwels.com, or call her at home at other times (293-2935).



Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) Fall Retreat

The fall retreat for the LWMS Grand Canyon Circuit is coming soon! It will be held at the Chapel Rock Resort in Prescott, AZ November 2-4. The registration deadline is October 1. Three payment options are available. For more details go to www.grandcanyonlwms.org or check out the flyers in the courtyard display case. You may also call Diane Kramm if you have any questions at 440-8564.

Women of Grace Fall Meeting/Brunch

The Women of Grace Fall meeting will be Saturday, September 15 at 10:00 AM in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall. The meeting will also include the election of officers. If you are interested in serving the congregation and Women of Grace, please consider becoming an officer. The offices to be elected are President, Vice President, and Treasurer. Contact Lois Thornton (323-8772) or Sue Sargent (647-3049) if you have any questions or are interested in one of the positions. Please bring your favorite lunch food to share (finger sandwiches, casseroles, salads, etc). We hope you will come! Remember, Women of Grace is for all confirmed women who are members of our congregation.

Deer Valley Women's Retreat

The women of Deer Valley invite you to a one-day Women's Retreat at Deer Valley Lutheran Church in Phoenix on September 22 from 8:30 AM-2:00 PM. The theme this year is "What's Cookin'?", and the guest speaker is Deacon Mike Mundstock, Youth and Family Minister at Deer Valley. A continental breakfast and luncheon is included in the day. The suggested door donation is \$5. Register online at www.deervalley.org or call 623-581-1198 by September 16.

Don't Settle For Less!

Who hasn't tried to get the best deal from time to time? Whether it's shopping for groceries or buying a house, we all like to get the best value for our money. In the book of Hebrews, God tells us not to settle for less *spiritually* either. Accepting anything other than Christ is just settling for less. Join us as we study the book of Hebrews and learn not to settle for less. Bible Study is Wednesday, September 5 at 7:00 PM at Eric and Julie Prigge's house (5391 S. Black Falls Dr). Call Pastor Rieke if you're planning to attend (343-9881).

Lutheran Pioneers

A new season of Lutheran Pioneers (boys & girls Kindergarten-8th grade) begins this Thursday, September 6 at 6:30 PM. More information and registration forms are available in the Fellowship Hall or at www.GraceTucsonWELS.com/pioneers.

NO WELS TCM Bible Study Tonight

WELS Tucson Campus Ministry will not be meeting tonight during the Labor Day weekend. Bible Study will resume again next week, September 9 at 7:00 PM in the Grace-University basement. The topic will be the *Chick-Fil-A Debate*. We invite all college students and others of approximately college age to join us.

No Worship Choir This Week

There is no Worship Choir practice this week as the Lutheran Pioneers meet on the first Thursday of the month. Practice will resume next week, September 13 at 6:30 PM in the basement. It's not too late to join if you're interested in singing. Please contact Teri Guenther (235-1177) if you have any questions. All are welcome!

COME OUT & CHEER!

Arizona Lutheran Academy **COYOTE FOOTBALL** in Tucson

ALA Coyote Varsity Football at Pusch Ridge Christian Academy, Tucson



Friday, September 7 at 7pm

Pusch Ridge is located at 9500 N. Oracle Road, Tucson 85704

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SOUTHERN ARIZONA PLAYERS

Tyler Koehler (Grace, Tucson) Quarterback
Ben Bernthal (Peace, Sahuarita) WR/RB/K

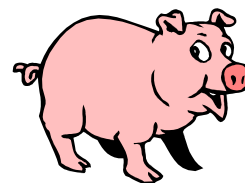
**Come on out to show your support for your
WELS High School and for the players from our area!
Let's fill the stands!**

Spanferkelfest (Pig Roast and Talent Show)

Our 9th annual Spanferkelfest will be held on Friday, October 12 beginning at 5:30 PM in the Courtyard at Grace-University. This is an annual outreach event to which we hope you will invite your UNCHURCHED friends, neighbors and family members. The purpose is to introduce to Grace and its members people who have no church home. For that reason, please DO NOT invite friends from other churches as we do for some of our other events. We want to spend the time getting to know people who do not know Jesus and may consider Grace their church one day.

YOU CAN HELP by volunteering to help Set Up, Serve or Clean Up. Please call the church office (623-6633) to let us know how you'll help or jot your name on the signup sheets in the Fellowship Hall. All Grace members are asked to bring a side dish and dessert to share.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PERFORM for the Talent Show, please check out the information and application sheets which are available in the Fellowship Hall or on the Grace website (www.gracetucsonwels.com)—just sign in as a member to access these documents.



Christian Fellowship Group

"Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy" (Psalm 33:3). Christian Fellowship Group is inviting everyone to come Saturday, September 8 to the Grace-University Fellowship Hall at 10:00 AM to hear music and songs presented by some of our very own talented Grace members! Members are asked to bring a snack to share. The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and older with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis. They are hosting this special event and all ages are welcome to attend!



As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

GALATIANS 6:10

Grace invites its members to “Do Good” by following the Apostle Paul’s encouragement to help others. Gifts of clothing, food and household items will assist those in need on the Apache reservation, children in our Lutheran schools, and others in our own community. Please consider how you might “Do Good!”



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APACHE LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Your donations of gently used clothing are received on Sunday mornings after worship at the counseling building behind the church at Grace-University. These will help our Apache brothers and sisters in Christ on the reservation. Other drop off times may be coordinated through Russ and Sandy Weir (795-0062), Cinda Drescher (615-6059), Geri DeRosa (615-6059), or Bill & Dorothy Rauh (296-8840). Grace’s Christian Fellowship Group coordinates this effort.

**LUTHERAN
THRIFT
STORE**



Donations of toys, household items and clothing collected here in Tucson will be taken to the Lutheran Thrift Store in Phoenix. Proceeds from the store support Arizona Lutheran Academy, our high school in Phoenix. Jeff Weinstein can be contacted about receiving items you would like to donate (909-7649).



**Community Food Bank
of Southern Arizona**



Grace has supported the Food Bank for many years. Those wishing to donate boxed and canned food items may leave them in the southwest corner of the fellowship hall under the greeting card table. Monetary donations may also be made through your regular offering envelopes by simply writing the dollar amount and “Food Bank” on the envelope.

