Second Sunday in Lent



NO CROSS/NO CROWN

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church March 4, 2012



PRESERVICE MUSIC

7:45 AM It Is Well with My Soul

Arr. by Victor Labenske

10:00 AM Variation on Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus

Arr. by Kathy Parra

Be Still and Know with Near to the Heart of God

Arr. by Carol Tornquist

WELCOME

LENTEN GATHERING RITE: REMEMBER YOUR LOVE

As individual Christians gather for public worship, we are united by our common sin and the necessity of repentance and faith. Much like the opening hymn and canticles of our traditional Liturgy, this Lenten Gathering Rite unites us in sung refrains and spoken responses.

ENTRANCE SONG

The cantor/choir introduces the refrain. The congregation repeats the refrain and sings it again as indicated.



Psalm 130

As watchmen who wait upon the daylight, wait for the Lord. I trust in your kindness and redemption and your faithful word.

Refrain

Before all the mountains were begotten and earth took shape, even then, O Lord, you were our refuge throughout ev'ry age.

Refrain

INVOCATION

- [M] In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- [C] Amen. (spoken)
- [M] The grace of our Lord ♥ Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- [C] And also with you.

CONFESSION - LORD, HAVE MERCY - ABSOLUTION

- [M] As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ's love, let us confess our sin and ask the Lord for pardon and strength:
- [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.

Cantor:

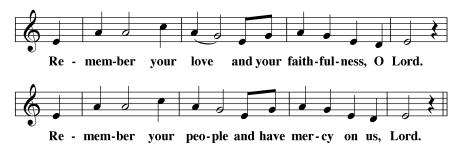
- 1. Lord Jesus, our covenant and promise:
- 2. Christ Jesus, the vision of our future:
- 3. Lord Jesus, beloved Son of God:

After each stanza, follow the printed music below



- [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. (spoken)

All sing the refrain once more.



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STAND

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- [M] The Lord be with you.
- [C] And also with you.
- [M] Let us pray. Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- [C] Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Genesis 28:10-17

Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran. When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread

out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."

CHOIR (10:00 AM)

Power of the Cross

SECOND LESSON Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Philippians 2:8b

[M] Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.

STAND

GOSPEL Mark 8:31-38

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny

himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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.

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HYMN OF THE DAY

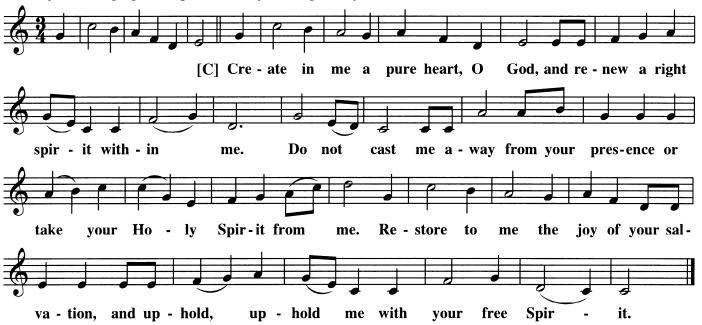
Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus Christian Worship #452

SERMON

Mark 8:31-38 No Cross, No Crown

STAND

Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction.



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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

7:45 AM

Be Still, My Soul Psaltery: Kathy Parra

10:00 AM

It Is Well With My Soul
Arr. by Phillip Bliss & Cindy Berry

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH — LENT

- [M] Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.
- [C] We confess that without your love we are lost.
- [M] Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.
- [C] Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.
- [M] Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.
- [C] Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.
- [M] Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.
- [C] Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

- [M] Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- [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 with the Words of Institution on page 7.

THE SACRAMENT

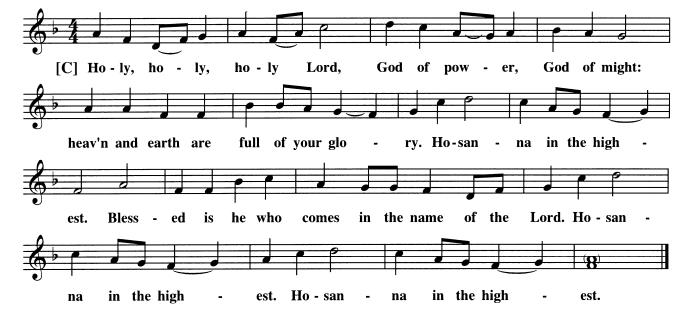
PREFACE

- [M] The Lord be with you.
- [C] And also 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 good and right so to do.
- [M] It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

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



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

[M] Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

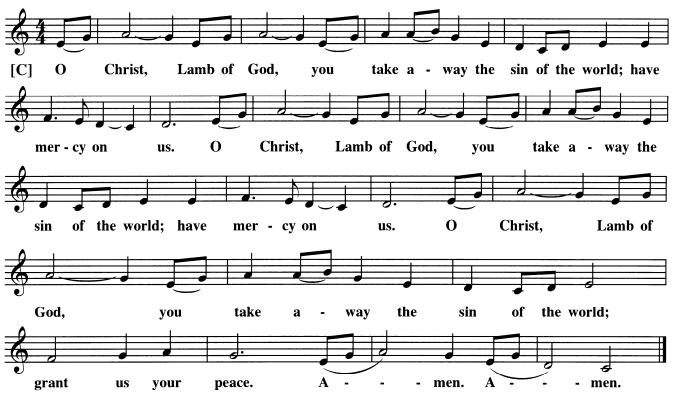
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

- [M] The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- [C] Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

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



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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 HYMN (10:00 AM)

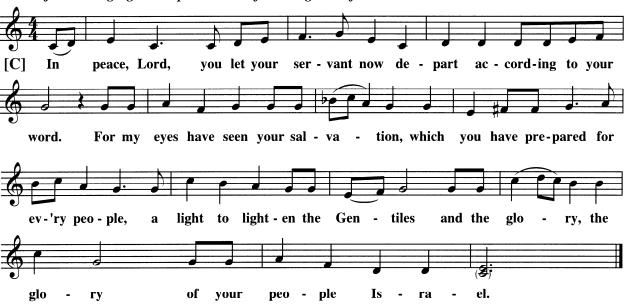
Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke Christian Worship #453

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

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- [M] O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
- [C] And his mercy endures forever.
- [M] We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- [C] Amen.
- [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.

BE SEATED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN (see page 9 for music)

When Peace Like a River Christian Worship Supplement #760

POSTLUDE 7:45 AM Variation on Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus

Arr. by Kathy Parra

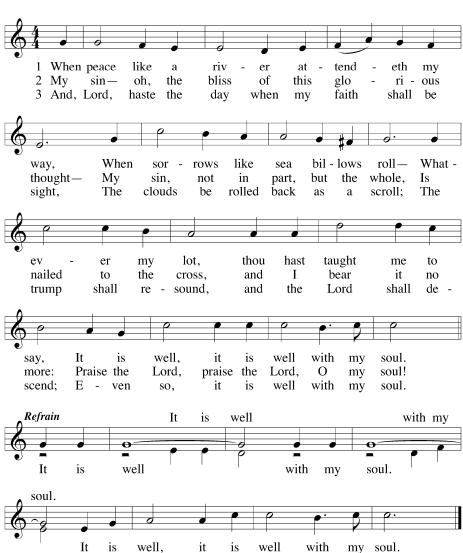
AM I'll Walk with God
Arr. by Nicholas Brodsky

10:00 AM

TRUST



When Peace Like a River



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THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher	
Worship Leader	Pastor Colin Rieke, Grace's Mission Pastor to Vail (10:00 AM)
Communion Assistants	
Accompanists	
	Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Cantors	Jesse Huggins (7:45 AM)
	Jesse Huggins & Justine Huggins (10:00 AM)
Choir Director	
Sound and Recording Tech	Amy Breiling (10:00 AM)



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To Aid You in Worship...

- LARGE PRINT
 BULLETINS ARE
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 NARTHEX. ASK A
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 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. If you are a guest with us today, please see p. 7 in today's worship folder under "Distribution" for information about our practice of Member Communion.

Altar Flowers have been given by Verle & Bobbie Thalmann in celebration of their 19th wedding anniversary.

Read Ahead for Next Sunday:

Exodus 20:1-17 Romans 8:1-10 John 2:13-22

Next Sun. Sermon Text & Theme:

Romans 8:1-10
No Condemnation Means
NO CONDEMNATION

You Are Invited

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

Upcoming Usher Training

Usher training will take place Sunday, March 11 and 18 following the 10:00 AM service. All ushers who are currently serving, and any men and women confirmation age and older who would like to serve are asked to attend. Please contact Mark Christianson at 575-0168 if you have any questions.



Dishes in the Kitchen

There are quite a few dishes in the kitchen that need to be picked up. Please take a moment and see if any belong to you. The Mexican Dinner is right around the corner and the extra space is needed!

Call Declined

After prayer and careful consideration of his Divine Call to serve as pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in North Richland Hills, and of his current Call to Grace, Pastor Kassulke has decided to decline the Call to Texas and to continue serving at Grace. He would like to express his thanks to everyone who shared their thoughts and especially for the prayers on his behalf and on behalf of the congregations involved. Please continue to pray for the gospel ministry wherever it is conducted.

This Week's Schedule (3/4/12 - 3/11/12)

Today -Worship Services/Communion7:45 & 10:00a -Children's Sunday School......8:45a -Youth Confirmation Class......8:45a -Adult Bible Classes: • The Life of Christ: The Calling of the Twelve (F. Hall) ... 9:00a • Grow in Grace Class (Conference Room in Office) 9:00a -Lifeliners (High School Group): Bible Study...... 9:00a -Coffee Fellowship following 10 AM Worship -Thrivent Lunch/Presentation at the Marriott......11:45a -WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Bible Study......7:00p **Monday** -Bible Study at Vail Golf Club: Book of Acts......9:30a -English as a Second Language Classes6:30p -Bible Study at the Rieke's: Book of Acts7:00p **Tuesday** -Handbells Practice in the Church Basement.....5:30p -English as a Second Language Classes6:30p Wednesday -Grace Extension Meeting 9:00a -Midweek Lenten Worship10:00a

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Mexican Dinner—Friday, March 23

The *Women of Grace* invite everyone to join them Friday, March 23, between 4:30-6:30 PM for the annual Mexican Dinner.

The menu includes: Sour Cream Enchiladas, Beef Tacos, Refried Beans, Assorted Cakes, Coffee, Tea, & Milk.

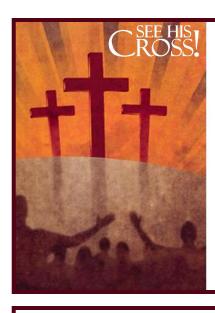
There are sign-up sheets on the table in the Fellowship Hall if you'd like to help with the meal or bring a cake to share.



Grace-Vail Fourth Service – March 11 at 9:00 AM

The fourth service at Grace-Vail, our second worship site, will be next Sunday, March 11, at Cottonwood Elementary School (9950 E. Rees Loop). Grace-Vail will conduct weekly worship services beginning that Sunday and leading up to the "LAUNCH" Service on Sunday, April 1. All Grace members are invited and encouraged to participate in worship services at either or both locations. Many members of Grace have already helped get the word out about Grace-Vail in a variety of ways. Take a look at the display case in the courtyard to see what they've been doing.

In preparation for our fourth service at Grace-Vail, we will be canvassing again this Saturday, March 10. 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 **9:00 AM Saturday, March 10.**



SEE HIS CROSS! SURPRISING WORDS FROM OUR SAVIOR'S PASSION

God's plan for our salvation was always clear. Jesus had to make the journey to the cross and resurrection in order to forgive our sins. This Lenten season, follow Jesus on that journey from Ash Wednesday to his glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday. See how each event along the Savior's path fulfilled God's plan.

Midweek 3 March 7 "It's No Secret!"

Worship Times: 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Lenten Supper: 6:00 PM

Lenten Suppers

You are invited to join us for supper at 6:00 PM before the evening Lenten service. Supper is served from 6:00-6:45 PM and we thank those who have graciously offered to host each week. A donation basket is available to help defray the cost of the meal.

Christian Fellowship Group

Christian Fellowship Group will meet this Saturday, March 10, at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship hall. Grace's "Nutrition Guru," Linda Morris, will be the guest speaker and present on "Healthy Eating & Nutrition." Please come for coffee and healthy snacks! The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and older with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis.

Apache Clothing Drive

The Christian Fellowship Group (CFG) is sponsoring an on-going clothing drive for the Apache Indians. Gently used or new clothing for all ages is accepted. The first donation period will run March through May and will be collected at the Counseling Building (white building in the church parking lot) after the early and late services each Sunday. Other times may be scheduled through the Weirs, Hansons, Rauhs, Cinda Drescher or Geri DeRosa if Sundays aren't convenient. The first delivery to the Apaches will be made in late May or early June. More information is available in the March newsletter. You may also call the Weirs (795-0062), Hansons (269-7602), Rauhs (296-8840), or Cinda Drescher & Geri DeRosa (615-6059) for more details.

LWMS Summer Convention

It's not too early to think about the annual Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) convention, which will be held this summer in Winston-Salem, NC, the fourth weekend in June. More information is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall and also on the website, www.lwms.org. You can save \$20 if you register by April 2. Talk to Dorothy Rauh if you have any questions (296-8840).

Members of Grace, Friends, Family...any AZ Resident

- If you pay Arizona State Tax...
- If you would like to take the opportunity to tell your state government how to spend your tax dollars...
- If there is a child in your life (not your own) who attends a private elementary school or high school...

You can take advantage of the AZ Private School Tuition Tax Credit!



- 1. You help a young person with his or her Christian education!
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What is the AZ Private School Tuition Tax Credit Law?

House Bill 2074, the Arizona Tuition Tax Credit Law, was passed and signed into law in 1997 as A.R.S. Section 43-1089. The law allows Arizona taxpayers to make a donation to



the H.E.L.P. Foundation (up to \$1,000 for married couples / up to \$500 for singles) and receive a dollar-for-dollar credit against the taxpayer's AZ state income tax. A tax credit (as opposed to a tax deduction) is subtracted directly from the state income tax owed to (or withheld by) the state of Arizona. The law allows a carry forward for up to five years if a donation is made in excess of the actual state income tax owed.



What is the Role of the H.E.L.P. Scholarship Foundation? H.E.L.P. is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization and is a qualified School Tuition Organization (STO). Since 1998, H.E.L.P. has provided scholarships to K-12 students in fifteen different schools throughout the State of Arizona. www.helpscholarships.org 623-694-3487



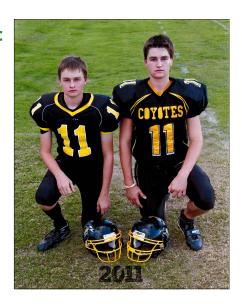
How do I help?

Complete the Donation Form online or use the form in the H.E.L.P. brochure. You'll also find more information in that brochure.

Please contact the church office or speak with Stephanie Weinstein (623-3759) if you have questions about how the program works.









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!"



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.



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).



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.