

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church

June 10, 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.

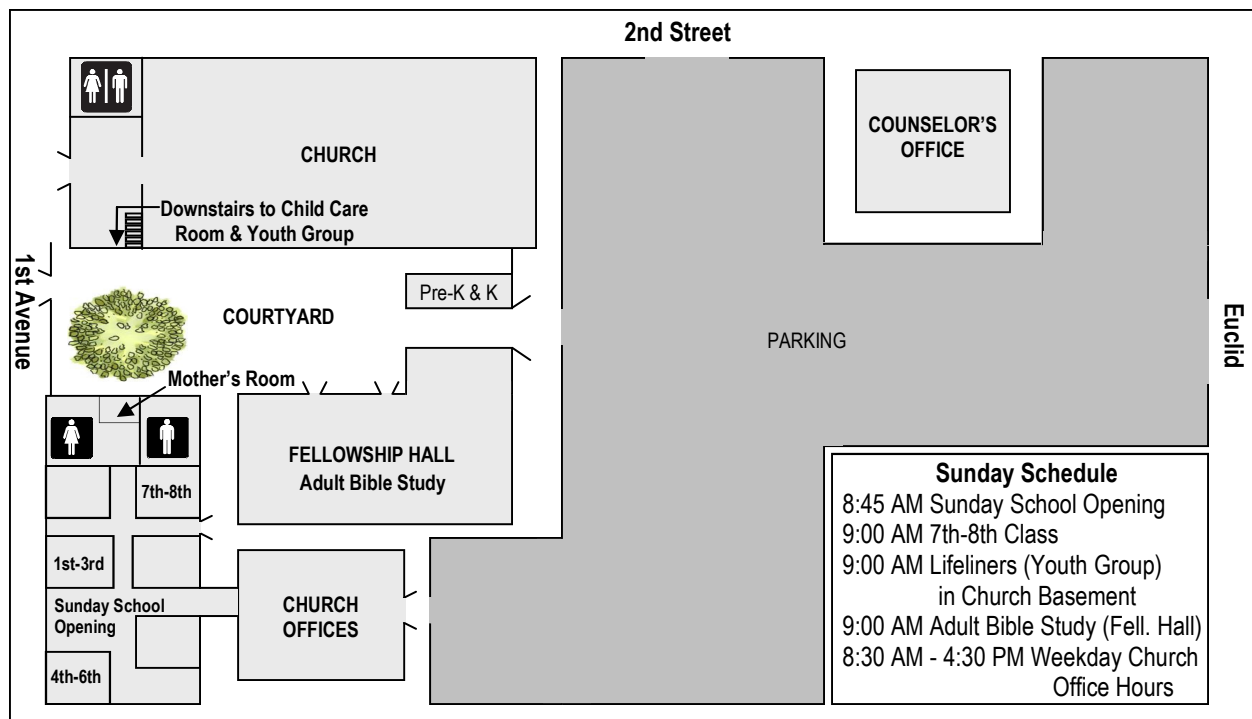
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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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*Preservice Music:
7:45—God Give Us
Christian Homes
Arr. by Cindy Berry*

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.

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

ALL

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

ALL

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

ALL

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do: through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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

Genesis 25:21-34

Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was barren. The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, "Why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. The LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger." When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave

birth to them. The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was a quiet man, staying among the tents. Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. He said to Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!" (That is why he was also called Edom.) Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright." "Look, I am about to die," Esau said. "What good is the birthright to me?" But Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 85

Refrain 
I will hear what the Lord pro - claims: peace to his peo - ple.

Psalm Tone 

1. You showed favor to your / land O Lord;* you restored the fortunes of / Jacob.
2. You forgave the iniquity of your / people* and covered / all their sin.
3. Show us your unfailing / love, O Lord,* and grant us your sal- / vation.

Refrain

4. I will listen to what God the / Lord will say;* he promises peace to his people,
/ his saints.
5. Surely his salvation is near those who / fear him* that his glory may dwell / in our land.
6. Love and faithfulness meet to- / gether;* righteousness and peace kiss each / other.

Refrain

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

The Psalms of the Old Testament Scriptures were sung by God's people and became the first hymnbook of the Early Christian Church.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 4:22-5:2

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

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.

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

Matthew 18:15-20

"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you

would a pagan or a tax collector.

"I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

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

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive
Christian Worship #493

SERMON

Genesis 25:21-34
The Bowl of Stew that Soured a Relationship

Please Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose 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

THANKSGIVING

OFFERTORY:
7:45—Love Is The
Gracious Gift
Arr. by Valerie
Floeter

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 along. Thank You!

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, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.
- C:** **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**
- M:** You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.
- C:** **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**
- M:** Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.
- C:** **Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**
- M:** Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.
- C:** **Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

- M:** We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.
- C:** **We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

HYMN

For Christian Homes, O Lord, We Pray
Christian Worship #500

Please stand

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 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.



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.



Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

Christ Is the World's Light
Christian Worship #343

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher
Worship Leader
Accompanists
Sound & Recording Tech

Pastor Ron Koehler
Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM) Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)

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.

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)."

*Postlude:
7:45—Brethren, We Have Met to Worship
Arr. by Cindy Berry*



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

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



This Week at Grace • June 10-17

*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
Adult Bible Studies:
• *The Life of Christ: Jesus' Teaching* (Fellowship Hall) .. 9:00a
• *Grow in Grace Class* (Conference Room in Office) 9:00a
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study* 9:00a
Grace-Vail Bible Study at Cottonwood Elementary 9:00a
Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary 10:00a

Monday

NO Bible Study at Vail Golf Club
AZ-CA District Convention, Mesa, AZ (The pastors and our
lay delegate Jeff Weinstein will attend Mon-Wed)

Wednesday

NO Midweek Bible Studies

Thursday

Handbells 5:30p
Financial Peace University 6:30p

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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***

TODAY

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.

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Adrienne Snively & Erin Long in celebration of Don & Joyce Long's 40th wedding anniversary.

You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship this morning in the courtyard following both services. 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

Genesis 41:56-42:7
Acts 7:6-16
John 1:1-18

Sermon Text & Theme

Genesis 41:56-42:7
*Taste & See God's
Preserving Provision*



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Do You Know How To Drive?

If you know how to drive and would like to be of service to a few of our members who can no longer drive, consider volunteering to drive the Grace van on Sunday mornings. We would like to have a few drivers so that it's not an every Sunday job (unless you want that!). If you'd like a little more information, please speak with Pastor Clemons or with Jason Watson (243-0034).

Vacation Bible School at Grace-University

Get in the time machine and travel back to Jerusalem and other biblical sites at our "Back to Jerusalem" Vacation Bible School! Along the way, we'll learn that God's message to us about his love for us never changes. Each day devotions, songs, and crafts reinforce the lessons. So, gather up your children, nieces, nephews and friends in the neighborhood and bring them to Grace-University for time-travel fun! VBS is June 18-22, 9:00-11:30 AM. More information and registration forms are available online or in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall.



If you would like to volunteer to assist with VBS, please speak to our coordinator, Cindy Breitreitz (298-9758) or to Pastor Kassulke. Donations for Vacation Bible School are also appreciated.

Church Picnic

Please plan to join us at Grace-University on Sunday, June 24 after the 10:00 AM worship service for our annual Church Picnic. The June 24 worship service will also serve as our VBS closing service. Members of Grace are asked to bring a side dish and a dessert to share. Grace will provide grilled hot dogs and hamburgers. Volunteer help is also needed.

Since this is our first Church Picnic since the launch of our second site, we are encouraging members of Grace to attend worship at Grace-Vail on June 24 (also at 10:00), to help tear-down and clean up after the service, and then to join us for food and fellowship at the Picnic.

Financial Peace University

Financial Peace University (FPU) started at Grace-University this past week. It's not too late to join if you would still like to get valuable information about wisely managing the money God has entrusted to you. Speak to Pastor Kassulke for more information about FPU.



Summer Worship Series at Grace-University

"Taste & See" is our summer worship series theme. It comes from Psalm 34:8 *"Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him."* On Sundays this summer at Grace-University, we will consider different Bible accounts where food is an important part of the story and discover biblical truths and applications for our lives as God's people.

Redeemer Summer Preschool

Redeemer Lutheran Preschool is offering a Summer Session this July 23-27, 8:30 AM-12:15 PM. The cost of this one week session is \$100. All potty trained 3, 4, and 5 year olds are welcome. Join us for an exciting week of educational activities, Bible stories, games, snacks and crafts! Our theme is ice cream, so be prepared for some sweet treats too! Our summer session is a great opportunity to prepare your child for a preschool atmosphere this fall! Call Redeemer for more information and to pick up a registration form (520-572-8136).

Do You Use Scrip?

In less than one year, Grace members have purchased almost \$130,000 worth of Scrip gift cards. These purchases have earned about \$6,750 in profits that support our WELS high school in Phoenix, Arizona Lutheran Academy (ALA), and which are also shared to support other ministries. If you are a qualifying Scrip user, watch for your profit report this summer and the opportunity to direct the profits you have earned. You can direct them to ALA, to Grace, or to the tuition account of one of our students at Redeemer Lutheran School or ALA. Scrip profits directed to Grace this year will be used in our "Workers Scholarship Fund." This fund assists in paying tuition for Grace members seeking to become pastors or teachers through our WELS schools. We have several young people that may be pursuing this goal in the next few years.

If you are not currently a Scrip user, please consider becoming one! It doesn't cost any extra money (you get the full value of the cash you pay on the cards that you can use for your everyday shopping), but it helps support Lutheran education. Ask one of our Scrip reps for more information. Vic and Lois Thornton can be reached at 323-8772 and are available in the Grace-University Courtyard after the 7:45 worship service on Sunday mornings. Contact Debbie Koehler at 293-5617 or in the Grace-University Courtyard after the 10:00 worship service on Sundays.

Tuition Tax Credit

Don't forget that as an Arizona tax payer, you can take advantage of the Tuition Tax Credit and support our students at Lutheran Schools. Your donation to the HELP Scholarship Foundation (www.helpscholarships.org) is used to pay tuition for students at our schools, and you can even recommend a specific school or student. Your donation is also eligible for a dollar-for-dollar tax credit up to \$503 per person (\$1006 for a married couple filing jointly) or up to your tax liability if it is lower. **New this year** if your tax liability is higher than the tax credit limits, you may be eligible to donate an additional \$500 per person which will be used to support additional students who qualify.