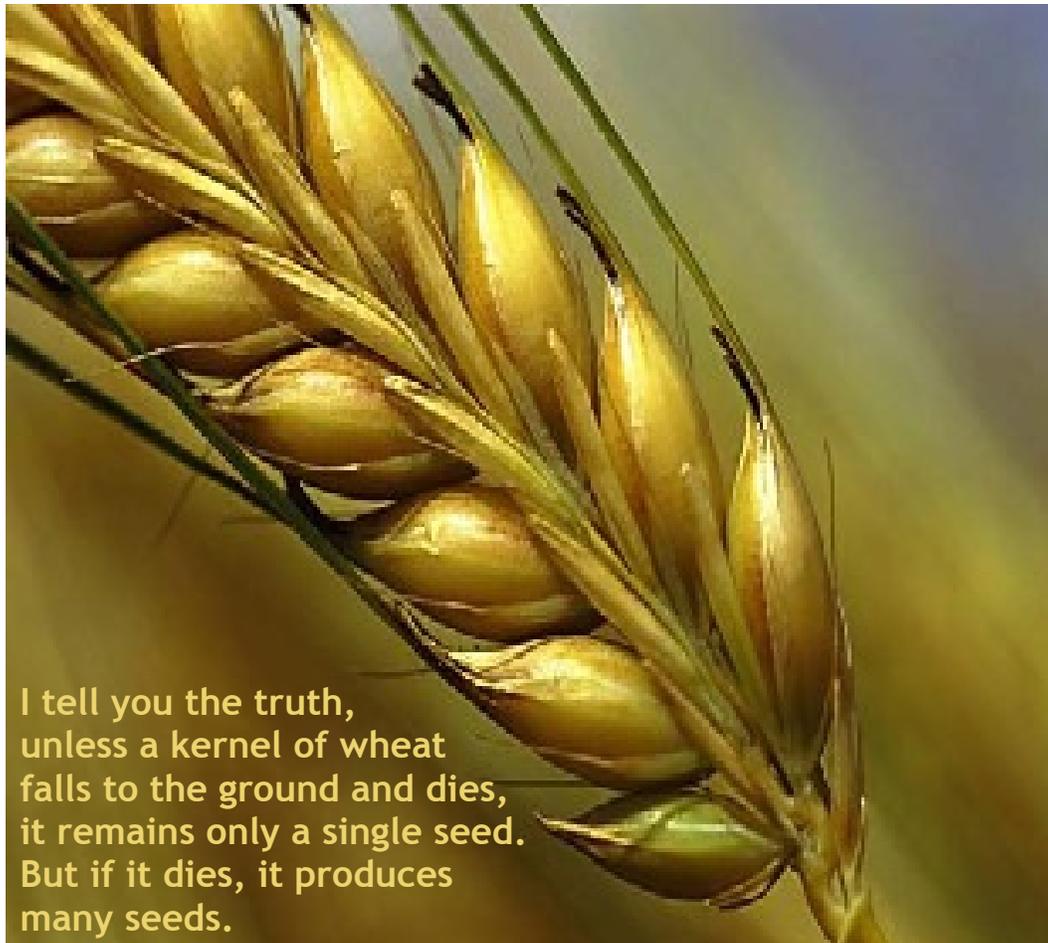


Fifth Sunday in Lent



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
March 25, 2012



PRESERVICE MUSIC

10:00 AM **Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence & Jesus Priceless Treasure**
Played by the Handbell Choir

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.



Re - mem-ber your love and your faith-ful-ness, O Lord.



Re - mem-ber your peo-ple and have mer-cy on us, Lord.

Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom should I fear?
The Lord is my life and my refuge, when I call God hears.

Refrain

If you dwelt, O Lord, upon our sinfulness, then who could stand?
But with you there is mercy and forgiveness and a guiding hand.

Refrain

O Lord, hear the sound of my call and answer me.
My heart cries out for your presence; it is you I seek.

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 sins 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 hope of resurrection:
2. Christ Jesus, the life of your people:
3. Lord Jesus, the firstborn from the dead:

*After each stanza,
follow the printed
music below*



1. Lord, have mer - cy. **Lord, have mer - cy.**
2. Christ, have mer - cy. **Christ, have mer - cy.**
3. Lord, have mer - cy. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

[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. Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, 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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

“The time is coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. “This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time,”

declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 143

Refrain



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Psalm Tone

O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for / mercy;*

1. O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for / mercy;*
in your faithfulness and righteousness come to / my relief.
2. Do not bring your servant into / judgment,*
for no one living is righteous be- / fore you.
3. My spirit grows faint with- / in me; *
my heart within me / is dismayed.

Refrain

4. Answer me quick- / ly, O LORD; *
do not hide your / face from me.

5. Let the morning bring me word of your un- / failing love,*
for I have put my / trust in you.
6. Teach me to do your will, for you / are my God; *
may your good Spirit lead me on / level ground.
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

Hebrews 5:7-10

During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he

suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

VERSE OF THE DAY**Mark 10:45**

[M] The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

*STAND***GOSPEL****John 12:20-33***After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.” Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be.

My Father will honor the one who serves me. Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.” He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

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.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth
Christian Worship #100

SERMON

John 12:20-33
The Seed Will Be Planted Soon

STAND

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

[C] Cre - ate in me a pure heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Do not cast me a - way from your pres - ence or
take your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal -
va - tion, and up - hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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BE SEATED

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

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

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.**

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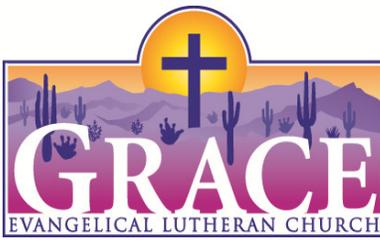
HYMN

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle
Christian Worship #122

STAND

[M] Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C] **Amen.**



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.

Altar Flowers have been given by Jeff & Jody Kosanke in celebration of their many blessings.

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Read Ahead for Next Sunday:

Zechariah 9:9, 10
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 11:1-10

Next Sun. Sermon Text & Theme:

Mark 11:1-10
*Blessed is He Who Comes
in the Name of the Lord*

You Are Invited

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

LWMS Circuit Split Vote TODAY

Today there will be a table set-up in the courtyard to vote on the LWMS Grand Canyon Circuit split. Our congregation will have **one vote** sent to the board by our LWMS reporter, Dorothy Rauh. Grace ladies' votes will be tallied and the majority will determine our congregation vote. Please, stop by the polling table today to learn more and cast your vote. If you have any questions or to learn more about the proposed circuit split, please talk to Diane Kramm (440-8564), Sue Sargent (647-3049) or go to www.grandcanyonlwms.org.

To Aid You in Worship...

- LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX. ASK A GREETER OR USHER FOR A COPY.
- *For those with young children:* A private Mother's Room is located across the courtyard in the Ladies' Restroom. Parents of young children may also use the Child Care Room in the basement at any time to quiet and care for them (the service can be heard in both locations).
- Sermon copies & service CDs are available in the narthex.

Easter Lilies!

If you would like to buy an Easter lily to beautify worship on Easter Sunday (April 8), please sign the sheet located in the front or side entryways of church. Lilies are \$8 each (make checks payable to "Grace Lutheran Church"). Please place your payment in an envelope marked "Easter Lilies" and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office.

Easter for Kids

Easter for Kids will be held at Grace-University this Saturday, March 31 from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Children ages 2-12 are invited to join us for an Easter Bible lesson, singing, crafts, lunch, and hunting Easter Eggs. The event is free, but please register using the forms available in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall or online at www.GraceTucsonWELS.com/e4kregistration. The registration forms include an invitation for you to pass along to friends. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help out, please speak to Pastor Kassulke.

Today

- Worship Services7:45 & 10:00a
- Children's Sunday School8:45a
- Youth Confirmation Class8:45a
- 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
- Grace-Vail Service at Cottonwood Elementary**.....9:00a
- LWMS Vote on Circuit Split** 11:15a
- Coffee Fellowship following 10 AM Worship.....
- 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 Classes 6:30p

Tuesday

- Handbells Practice in the Church Basement 5:30p
- English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p
- Vail Choir Rehearsal @ Grace-University**..... 6:30p

Wednesday

- Worship Choir Rehearsal @ Grace-University**.....9:00a
- Midweek Lenten Worship** 10:00a
- Wind Ensemble Practice: *Brass*..... 5:30p
- Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall 6:00-6:45p
- Midweek Lenten Worship** 7:00p

Thursday

- NO** Women's Bible Class
- Worship Choir Rehearsal @ Grace-University**..... 6:30p

Friday

- Spring Concert at ALA..... 7:00p

Saturday

- Easter for Kids**..... 9:30-1:00p
- Worship Choir Rehearsal @ Grace-University**..... 10:00a

Sunday PALM SUNDAY

- Worship Services/Communion.....7:45 & 10:00a
- Children's Sunday School8:45a
- Youth Confirmation Class8:45a
- Adult Bible Classes:
 - *"The Road to Emmaus" DVD* (Fellowship Hall).....9:00a
 - *Grow in Grace Class* (Conference Room in Office)....9:00a
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- Coffee Fellowship following 10 AM Worship.....
- WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Movie Night..... 6:00p

Grace is looking for volunteers who are interested in driving the Grace van on Sunday mornings. Please call the church office for more information at 623-6633.

Midweek Service and Lenten Supper

This is the final week of our Midweek Lenten worship services, which are this Wednesday at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM. The Lenten Supper starts at 6:00 PM before the evening midweek worship service. We hope you can join us!

WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Movie Night

Next Sunday, April 1, WELS Tucson Campus Ministry is meeting at 6:00 PM downstairs in the basement to watch *The Passion of the Christ*. All college students or anyone of approximately college age is encouraged to attend. Because of our early start time, supper will be provided. Hope to see you there!

Easter Caroling at the Sabino Canyon Rehabilitation Center

On Palm Sunday, April 1 at 1:30 PM, a group from Grace will be singing about the joyous message of Christ's resurrection at Sabino Canyon Rehabilitation Center (5830 E. Pima Road, east of Craycroft on the south side of Pima). The music will be from the hymnal and we'll have piano accompaniment. There are no practice commitments required. Simply plan to arrive by 1:15 PM in the large meeting/craft room which is adjacent to the 300 room wing. All are welcome to join us for "Easter Caroling"! Your presence will be appreciated by the staff and their patients.

Christian Fellowship Potluck

The Christian Fellowship Group will meet at noon on Saturday, April 14, at the home of Ron & Helen Kwart (2706 N. Walnut Avenue). Bring something to share for a healthy potluck get-together. Debbie Dyjak will show a slide presentation and relate her ESL and nursing experiences she and her son, Erik, encountered while in Thailand recently. The potluck will be held outside so bring your hat and sunscreen. *The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and older with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis.*

FINALLY!

Grace-Vail Launch Service – Next Sunday, April 1!



Grace-Vail's Launch Service is next Sunday, April 1, at Cottonwood Elementary School (9950 E. Rees Loop) beginning at 9:00 AM. We have made all the preparations, we've had four monthly services, we've even had two 'practice' weekly services, and now we are ready to launch ourselves into an every week service. We will celebrate our Launch service with Easter for Kids activities and a Pig Roast following the worship service. It is a wonderful blessing of God's grace that we will celebrate next Sunday and we would love for you to be there!

Now that we are "officially" one church at two sites, there are some major changes and adjustments to what is going on here at Grace-University. For one, many of the members that have worshiped at Grace's only site previously will be worshipping regularly at Grace-Vail. There may not be as many opportunities for the entire membership of Grace to come together. As you see some of these changes and adjustments, please be reminded that your help and support are crucial to our efforts. Please pray that God would continue to bless the outreach that is being done not only at Grace-Vail, but also at Grace-University and by members of Grace in general.

Members of Grace are invited and encouraged to worship at either site, to be outgoing and welcoming to members and guests alike, and to serve in whatever ways you are able as we grow in faith and work together! After Easter, Grace-Vail will have a Bible study at 9:00 AM and worship at 10:00 AM on Sundays.



Desserts for Grace-Vail Pig Roast - Sunday, April 1

Planning to attend the grand opening service and pig roast at Grace-Vail? Food for the meal is already provided but desserts would be appreciated. Because there are limited facilities we request that you bring cookies, bars, brownies, or similar "finger food desserts." Please bring desserts ready to serve, that is already cut, plated, and covered (plastic wrap or in a container). *Please no layer cakes or pies.* For more information contact Sue Sargent, 647-3049 or e-mail suesgt@hotmail.com. We look forward to seeing you April 1st. It will be a blessed day!

Groundskeeper Needed

After serving as our church groundskeeper for 12 years, Ted Malchow has decided to leave that position. We thank him for his faithful service and for taking such good care of the property. We are also beginning our search for a new groundskeeper. If you would be interested in serving in this capacity or in receiving more information, please speak to Dave Breitreitz (298-9758) or call the church office (623-6633).

Tuition Tax Credit Donations

As you prepare your 2011 tax return in the coming weeks, don't forget about the Arizona Tuition Tax Credit. State law allows you to make a donation in support of Lutheran education and to claim the same amount as a credit on your state tax return. Basically, this means that you get to decide how money that would otherwise be paid in taxes gets used. A donation made before April 15 and before you file your taxes may be claimed on the 2011 return, so you can also determine your tax liability before making a donation. Donations are made through a Student Tuition Organization (STO) such as the HELP Scholarship Foundation (www.helpscholarships.org). You may even recommend your donation for a specific student. Donations are eligible for the tax credit up to \$500 for a single person or \$1000 for a married couple in 2011, with a slight increase to \$503 and \$1006 in 2012. Please contact the church office if you have questions.

Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 5, 7 PM
Receive the Blessings of the Cross!

Good Friday
Friday, April 6, 7 PM
Tenebrae Service
(Service of Darkness)
Jesus Died Willingly

Worshippers are asked to leave the Tenebrae service in silence, leaving in stillness and darkness until the dawn of a glorious Easter Day. Please visit with friends and family prior to entering church for worship.

Holy Week Schedule



Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 8

Sunrise Worship—7 AM
Christ's Victory is Our Victory

Easter Breakfast—8 AM

Easter Concert—9 AM

Festival Worship—10 AM
Peace and Life Are Yours

Easter Breakfast

The Easter breakfast at Grace-University this year will consist of pancakes, sausage, and orange juice, graciously made and served by the Lifeliners. **Members are asked to bring fruit or sweet rolls to share. Members are also encouraged to bring griddles or electric skillet.** Please contact Laura Lipke with any questions at 742-0211.

Easter Concert Sign-Up

As part of our Easter celebration on April 8, we will be holding a concert at Grace-University. If you are interested in participating as a performer for this event, please fill out a form (available in the Fellowship Hall and Church Office) and return it no later than April 1. If you have any questions, please direct them to Beth Kassulke (293-2935) or Teri Guenther (235-1177).

Singing Opportunities

The Grace Choir would like to provide special music for upcoming worship services both at Grace-University and at Grace-Vail. In order to do so, we need some singers! Please let us know as soon as possible if you are interested in singing. Specifically, we are looking at Palm Sunday, April 1 and Easter Sunday, April 8. We need to know who is available to sing and at which location. Rehearsals for Grace-University are at 6:30 PM on Thursdays. Grace-Vail rehearsals will be Tuesdays at 6:30 PM at Grace-University. To indicate your interest, you may speak to Teri Guenther (235-1177) or to Cora in the Church Office (623-6633, Office@GraceTucsonWELS.com).

Easter Invitations

Easter is a great time to invite your unchurched friends, family members, co-workers, and neighbors to church! If you have someone in your life who does not have a church home, we'd like to help you make that invitation. The following resources are all available in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall:

Printed Postcard Invitations. These full-color large postcards have information about our Easter events and activities at both Grace-University and Grace-Vail. They no longer have space available for addressing and sending them through the mail, but can be given in person or left for a friend. Especially if you leave one for someone, make an effort to follow up in person.

Road to Emmaus DVDs. These DVDs were professionally produced within the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). They depict the biblical account of Jesus explaining his work to two disciples on their way to the town of Emmaus. We have a number of these DVDs which are available for free to be given away to an unchurched friend.

Whether or not you invite someone to church that day, remember that on Easter we expect many guests. Do your best to welcome them warmly and to share God's love with them.