Grace Ev. Lutheran Church July 1, 2012







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

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

Worship Notes

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

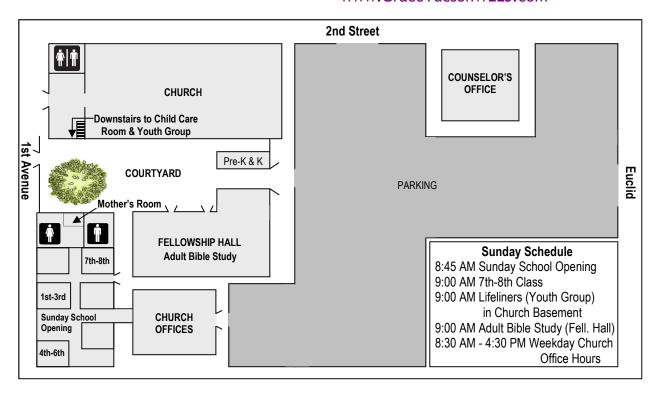
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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

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

- stand for a few moments in the 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

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

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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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."
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45— Great is Thy Faithfulness Arr. by J. Carlson

10:00— America the Beautiful Arr. by Samuel Ward

Genesis 1:31

Genesis 2:16-17

Genesis 3:8

Genesis 3:14-15

Romans 5:12

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.

Psalm 34:8

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

Oh, Taste and See



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON Exodus 16:11-32

The LORD said to Moses, "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God." That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat. This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Each one is to gather as much as he needs. Take an omer for each person you have in your tent." The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little. And when they measured it by the omer, he who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little. Each one gathered as much as he needed. Then Moses said to them, "No one is to keep any of it until morning." However, some of them paid no attention to Moses; they kept part of it until morning, but it was full of maggots and began to smell. So Moses was angry with them. Each morning everyone gathered as much as he needed, and when the sun grew hot, it melted away. On the sixth day, they gathered twice as much-two omers for each person—and the leaders

of the community came and reported this to Moses. He said to them, "This is what the LORD commanded: 'Tomorrow is to be a day of rest, a holy Sabbath to the LORD. So bake what you want to bake and boil what you want to boil. Save whatever is left and keep it until morning." So they saved it until morning, as Moses commanded, and it did not stink or get maggots in it. "Eat it today," Moses said, "because today is a Sabbath to the LORD. You will not find any of it on the ground today. Six days you are to gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will not be any." Nevertheless, some of the people went out on the seventh day to gather it, but they found none. Then the LORD said to Moses, "How long will you refuse to keep my commands and my instructions? Bear in mind that the LORD has given you the Sabbath; that is why on the sixth day he gives you bread for two days. Everyone is to stay where he is on the seventh day; no one is to go out." So the people rested on the seventh day. The people of Israel called the bread manna. It was white like coriander seed and tasted like wafers made with honey. Moses said, "This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Take an omer of manna and keep it for the generations to come, so they can see the bread I gave you to eat in the desert when I brought you out of Egypt."

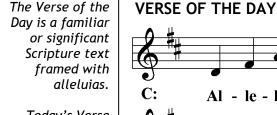
SECOND LESSON Romans 5:6-11

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.

The Verse of the Day is a familiar alleluias.

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





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

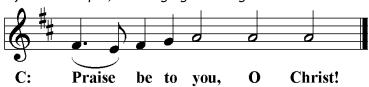
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GOSPEL Luke 15:11-24

Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



HYMN OF THE DAY

Children of the Heavenly Father Christian Worship #449

SERMON

Exodus 16:11-32 Our Daily Bread

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!

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:

7:45— Improvisations of I Am Jesus' Little Lamb (CW #432)

10:00— The Star Spangled Banner Tune by John Smith, Arr. by Melody Bober 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: 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 anther. 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.
- 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.

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

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



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. M: Lift up your hearts.

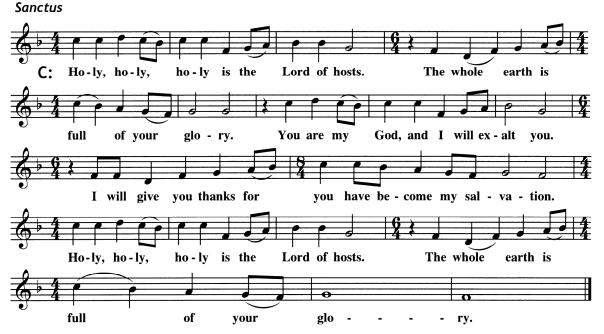


M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



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.





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."

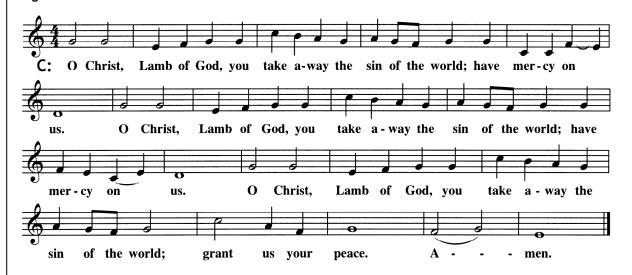
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



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



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.

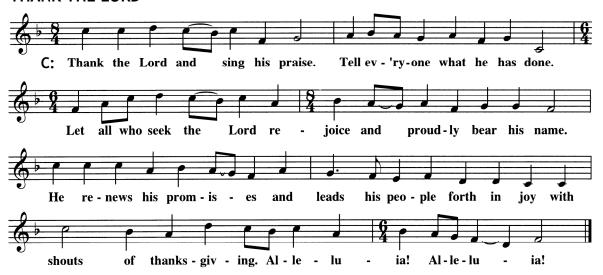
We provide **gluten-free communion wafers** for those with wheat allergy, gluten-sensitivity or celiac disease. These wafers are stored and handled separately to avoid cross-contamination. They are "bread" as Scripture requires and are consecrated along with the rest of the bread. For those requiring 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 stand

THANKSGIVING

THANK THE LORD



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.



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.



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)."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

God Be with You till We Meet Again Christian Worship #327

POSTLUDE

7:45 AM

Go, My Children, with My Blessing
Arr. by Mark Albrecht

10:00 AM

God Bless America
By Irving Berlin

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leader	Pastor Sam Clemon
	Pastor Mark Hallemeye
	Outreach Elder Jeff Weinstein
	Spiritual Needs Elder Mark Christiansor
Accompanists	Kathy Parra (7:45 AM
·	Teri Guenther (10:00 AM
Clarinet	Missy Wiechmann (7:45 AM
Violin	
	Vic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM
	Rick Street, Jon Dongoske, Ed Ethington (10:00 AM
Sound & Recording Tech	Δmy Breiling (10:00 ΔM



"Gathering Manna" James Tissot (c. 1900)



Grace is one congregation at TWO places!

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



This Week at Grace • July 1-8

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

TODAY

Worship Services/Communion	. 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services	•••••
Children's Sunday School	8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class	8:45a
Adult Bible Studies:	
• Pastor Clemons: Recap of Greece Trip (F. Hal	l) 9:00a
• NO Grow in Grace Class	•••••
Lifeliners (High School Group): Bible Study	9:00a
Grace-Vail Bible Study at Cottonwood Eleme	ntary 9:00a
Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementa	ry10:00a
Monday	
Bible Study at Vail Golf Club	9:30a
Wednesday INDEPENDENCE DAY!	
NO Midweek Bible Study	
Church Office Closed	

Thursday

Women's Bible Study: Genesis	9:00a
Financial Peace University	
Sunday	
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Youth Confirmation Class	
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 Study9:00a Grace-Vail Bible Study at Cottonwood Elementary......9:00a Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary......10:00a Council BBQ at the Koehler's4:00p

Check out the NEW GRACE WEBSITE at www.GraceTucsonWELS.com!

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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.

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 Ted Malchow & family in memory of loved ones.

Bible Study this Morning

During the Bible Study hour this morning (9:00-9:45 AM), Pastor Clemons and some participants will review their recent tour to Greece, Turkey, and Italy "In the Footsteps of the Apostle Paul."

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Numbers 13:17-25 1 Corinthians 1:4-9 Luke 12:22-31

Sermon Text & Theme

Numbers 13:17-25 Grapes of promise in Cluster Valley

You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship this morning in the courtyard following both services hosted by the Guenthers and Kramms. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Memorial Service

Bev Wagner-King was called home to heaven Wednesday, June 20. Bev's memorial service will be held at Grace-University Saturday, July 14 at 11:00 AM with a light luncheon to follow.

Member Feedback Meetings

Every now and then the church council and pastors like to provide information on a special item of interest to the congregation and receive your feedback on it. At those times we schedule a Member Feedback Meeting (MFM). The subject of a Worship Coordinator for Grace has come up recently, especially as we have added worship services in Vail. Our ministry expansion has brought many blessings and opportunities for members to serve in worship, but it has also presented us with some challenges...in addition to some we already had! On Sunday, July 15, we will hold MFMs at Grace-Vail and Grace-University during the Bible Study hour. Pastor Rieke will lead the Vail MFM at 9:00 AM and Pastor Koehler will lead the 9:00 AM MFM at Grace-University. Please make a point of attending to receive more information about how we're doing as one congregation at two sites, to hear about this proposal and to give some feedback to help us determine how best to move forward.

Youth Rally

Pastor Kassulke and Pastor Koehler are out of town till July 2. They took our youth group, the Lifeliners, to the WELS International Youth Rally in Knoxville, TN.

Thank You

Verle & Bobbie Thalmann thank all those who sent cards and kept Verle in their prayers during his recent surgery and recovery.

Church Library

Please hold off on donations to the church library at this time. It is in the middle of being inventoried. You may still borrow books, but please do not move large amounts of books on or off the shelves. Also, please do not bring food or drinks into the library. If you have any questions please contact Judy Ethington at 971-5839.

Christian Fellowship Group

"Timely" is an important word. Come and learn how this word applies to pre-funeral planning. It's the topic for our Saturday, July 14 gathering in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall. Christian Fellowship is hosting this event and Bring Funeral home is sponsoring it. A power-point presentation will be given by a Bring's prearrangement counselor. The presentation will begin at 2:00 PM. The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and older with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis.

Scrip Profits

If you are a Scrip user, you should have received (or should soon receive) a report on the profits that you have earned for the past year. Please take the time to direct those profits to the tuition account of one of Grace's students at Redeemer Lutheran School or Arizona Lutheran Academy or share them directly with Grace to be used in our Workers Scholarship Fund, which assists our members attending Martin Luther College or Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

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. Send your child for an exciting week of educational activities, Bible stories, games, snacks and crafts! The theme is ice cream, so be prepared for some sweet treats too! This 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).

Redeemer is Now Hiring

Redeemer Lutheran School is looking to add to their existing staff to create a loving, safe and enriching preschool and extended care program. If you have experience working with children and are interested in working at Redeemer Preschool or Extended Care several mornings or afternoons a week during the school year, please contact Hanna Stahl at 572-8136 or email her at hannah.stahl@redeemertucson.org.

Church and Facility Security

During these summer months, please remember to <u>turn off lights</u>, <u>reset thermostats</u>, and <u>lock doors</u> behind you when you leave the church property. Thank you!

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed this Wednesday, July 4, for Independence Day.