

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church

July 8, 2012

Taste & See

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





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

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

Worship Notes

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

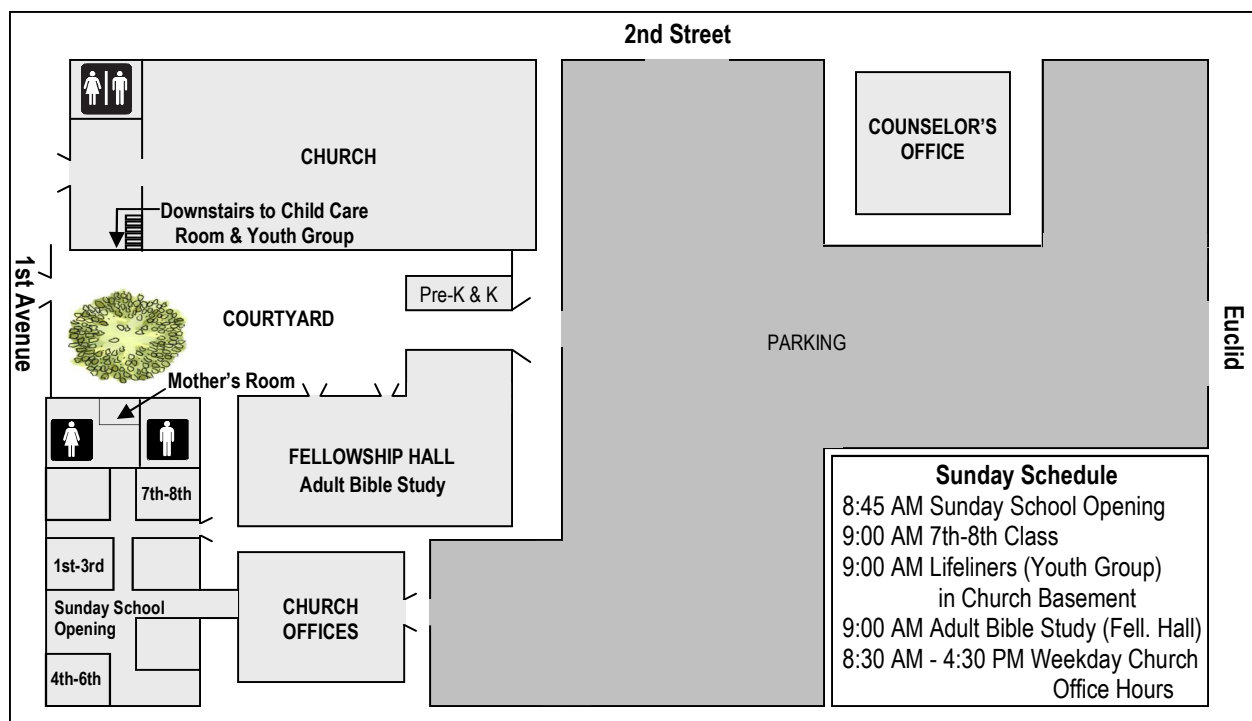
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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

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

- stand for a few moments in the back entryway, sometimes that's all that's needed
- go down the stairs to the left in the front entryway—they will lead down to the Child Care Room where you will still be able to hear the service
- visit the private Mother's Room across the courtyard in the women's restroom—you will be able to hear the service there also

Printed copies of the sermon are available in the entryway along with CDs of the entire worship service for those who would like to review or take to a friend or family member. You may also find sermons and services in print, audio and video on our website: www.GraceTucsonWELS.com



Taste and See

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Please stand

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

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

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

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—
Be Still, My Soul
Arr. by Cindy Berry

10:00—
If You But Trust in God to Guide You
Arr. by Valerie Floeter

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

Oh, Taste and See

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

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

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

ALL

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

WOMEN

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

MEN

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

WOMEN

It stands firm in the heav - ens. Your

ALL

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Gracious Father, keep your family, the Church, always faithful to you, that we may lean on the hope of your promises and be strong in the power of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

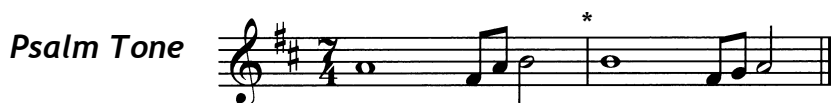
Numbers 13:17-25

When Moses sent them to explore Canaan, he said, “Go up through the Negev and on into the hill country. See what the land is like and whether the people who live there are strong or weak, few or many. What kind of land do they live in? Is it good or bad? What kind of towns do they live in? Are they unwalled or fortified? How is the soil? Is it fertile or poor? Are there trees on it or not? Do your best to bring back some of the fruit of the land.” (It was the season for the first ripe grapes.) So they went up and explored the land from the Desert of Zin as far as Rehob,

toward Lebo Hamath. They went up through the Negev and came to Hebron, where Ahiman, Sheshai and Talmai, the descendants of Anak, lived. (Hebron had been built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.) When they reached the Valley of Eshcol, they cut off a branch bearing a single cluster of grapes. Two of them carried it on a pole between them, along with some pomegranates and figs. That place was called the Valley of Eshcol because of the cluster of grapes the Israelites cut off there. At the end of forty days they returned from exploring the land.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 34



1. Taste and see that the / Lord is good;* blessed are they who take ref- / uge in him.
2. The eyes of the Lord are on the / righteous* and his ears are attentive / to their cry.
3. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who / fear him,* and he de- / livers them.

Refrain

4. The righteous cry out, and the Lord / hears them;* he delivers them from all their / troubles.
5. The Lord is close to the broken- / hearted* and saves those who are crushed in / spirit.
6. The Lord redeems his / servants;* no one who takes refuge in him will / be condemned.
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

1 Corinthians 1:4-9

I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—in all your speaking and in all your knowledge—because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual

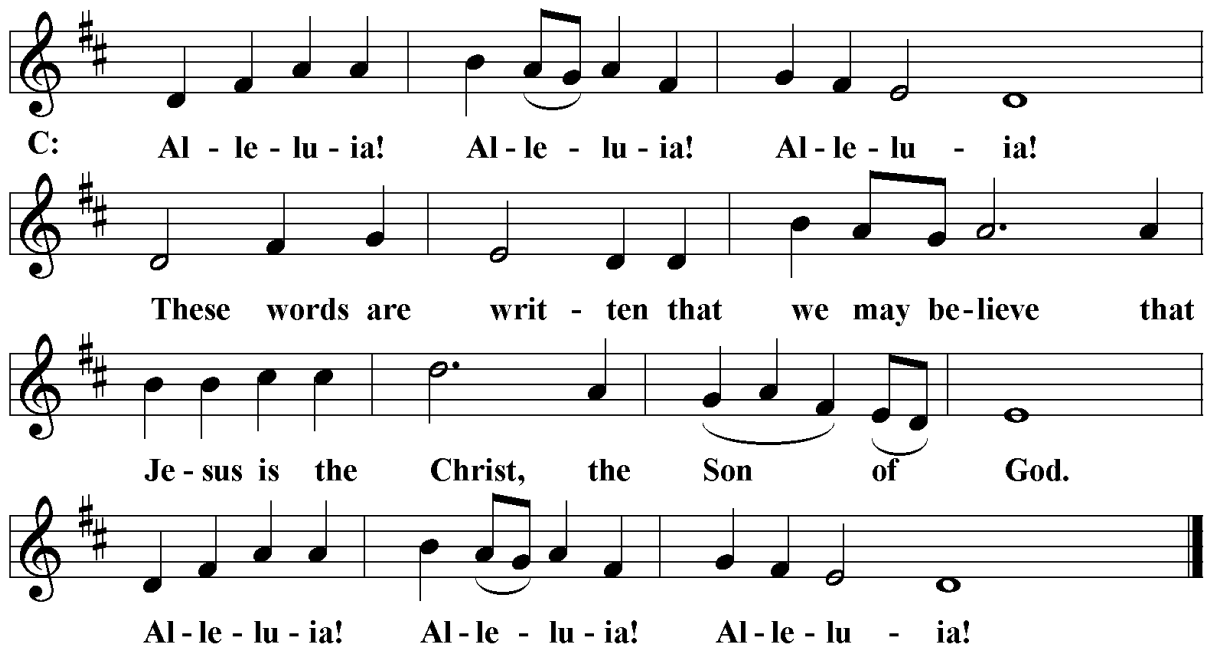
gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

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

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.

VERSE OF THE DAY



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be-lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand

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

GOSPEL

Luke 12:22-31

Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest? Consider how the lilies

grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Leave All Things to God's Direction
Christian Worship #414

- Grapes of Promise in Cluster Valley
- 1. Evidence of God’s Faithfulness
 - 2. Remind us to Trust God’s Word

Please Stand

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.

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

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!

OFFERTORY MUSIC

7:45 AM

Seek Ye First
Arr. by Karen Lafferty

10:00 AM

Blessed Assurance
Arr. by Melody Bober

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

- 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.**

Please be seated

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.

Speak, O Lord

Christian Worship Supplement #735



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re -
 2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly
 3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.
 rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
 grasp the heights of your plans for us.



Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
 Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the
 Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will



fash - ion us in your like - ness That the
 ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our
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light of Christ might be seen to - day In our acts of
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic
 grace we'll stand on your pro - mis-es, And by faith we'll



love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
 love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
 walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your



fill in us All your pur - pos-es for your
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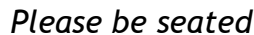
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Please stand

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.



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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

Jesus, Lead Us On
Christian Worship #422

POSTLUDE

7:45 AM

God Will Take Care of You
Arr. by Cindy Berry

10:00 AM

In Christ Alone
Arr. by Carol Tornquist

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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

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



This Week at Grace • July 8-15

*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
Council BBQ at the Koehler's 4:00p

Monday

Bible Study at Vail Golf Club 9:30a

Wednesday

Midweek Bible Studies: *Church History* 10:00a
Midweek Bible Studies: *Church History* 7:00p

Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *Genesis* 9:00a
Financial Peace University 6:30p

Saturday

Memorial Service for Bev Wagner-King at Grace 11:00a
Christian Fellowship Group 2:00p

Sunday

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:
• *Member Feedback Meeting* (Fellowship Hall) 9:00a
• *Grow in Grace Class* (Conference Room in Office) ... 9:00a
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study* 9:00a
Grace-Vail Member Feedback Mtg (Cottonwood Elem.) ... 9:00a
Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary 10:00a

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

For Our Guests

If you are visiting Grace today, we are happy that you joined us for Worship. Please help yourself to a Guest Packet as you leave this morning. You'll find them in the church entryway.

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Pete Kosanke Jr., Jenn Miller, and their families in celebration of Pete & Terry Kosanke'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

Daniel 1:1-16
Romans 10:8b-11
John 14:1-6

Sermon Text & Theme

Daniel 1:1-16
Do Not Defile: The Daniel Diet

Thank You

The Bill Toben family would like to thank all those who sent sympathy cards and kept the Toben family in their thoughts and prayers when Bill's mother, Minnie Toben, passed away.

Memorial Service

Bev Wagner-King was called home to heaven Wednesday, June 20. Bev's memorial service will be held at Grace-University this 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! Next 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.

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 gathering this Saturday, July 14 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.*

Church and Facility Security

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