

# Grace Ev. Lutheran Church

## July 15, 2012

### Taste & See

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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.

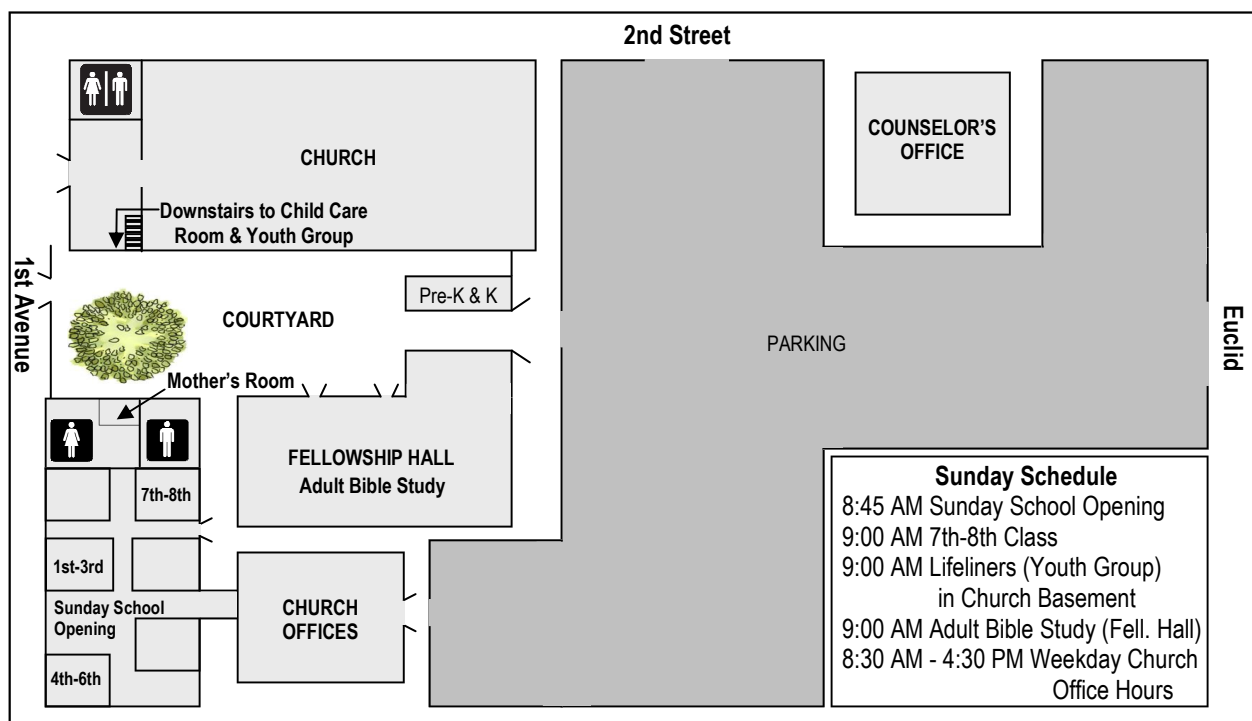
**Hymns** are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

**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](http://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*

**10:00—**  
*Lord, Thee I Love  
with All My Heart*  
*Arr. by Benjamin Culli*

*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. Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:00 AM)

M: Madison, in coming to be baptized, you are doing what is God-pleasing. We are reminded of how Ananias said to the apostle Paul after his conversion to faith, “Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away.” By the power of the Word, the Holy Spirit has led you to believe that new life in Christ is yours. Now in Holy Baptism the Lord Jesus assures you of your salvation. That you may give public testimony of your faith, I therefore ask you:

Do you believe that you were born in sin and therefore eternally lost?

R: Yes, I believe.

M: Do you believe in the triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

R: Yes, I believe.

M: Do you believe that this triune God planned and carried out your salvation?

R: Yes, I believe.

M: Do you believe that God grants you the forgiveness of sins in Holy Baptism?

R: Yes, I believe.

M: Do you desire to be baptized?

R: Yes, I do.

M: Receive the sign of the cross to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

Madison Gray Stricker, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven.

May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

### Daniel 1:1-16

In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. And the Lord delivered Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the articles from the temple of God. These he carried off to the temple of his god in Babylonia and put in the treasure house of his god. Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring in some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility— young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well

informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king’s palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians. The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king’s table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king’s service. Among these were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego.

*(Scripture lesson continues on page 5)*

But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way. Now God had caused the official to show favor and sympathy to Daniel, but the official told Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has assigned your food and drink. Why should he see you looking worse than the other young men your age? The king would then have my head because of you." Daniel then said to the guard whom the chief official had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishaël and

Azariah, "Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see." So he agreed to this and tested them for ten days. At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food. So the guard took away their choice food and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables instead.

#### VOICES OF GRACE (10:00 AM)

#### If You but Trust in God to Guide You *Arr. by David Cherwien*

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| <p>1. <i>If you but trust in God to guide you,<br/>With hopeful heart through all your ways,<br/>You will find strength, with God beside you,<br/>To bear the worst of evil days;<br/>For those who trust God's changeless love<br/>Build on the rock that will not move.</i></p> | <p>2. <i>What gain is there in futile weeping,<br/>In helpless anger and distress?<br/>If you are in God's care and keeping,<br/>In sorrow will God love you less?<br/>For Christ who took for you a cross<br/>Will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.</i></p>             |
| <p>3. <i>Be still, be still, and wait God's pleasure<br/>In cheerful hope, with heart content,<br/>Trusting that grace which knows no measure<br/>Will by unbounded Love be sent;<br/>Nor doubt our inmost wants are clear<br/>To One who holds us always near.</i></p>           | <p>4. <i>Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving;<br/>Offer your service faithfully,<br/>And trust God's word, though undeserving,<br/>There find the truth to set you free;<br/>God will not fail to guide and bless<br/>Those who embrace God's faithfulness.</i></p> |

#### SECOND LESSON

#### Romans 10:8b-11

"The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will

be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

## 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!

*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.*

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL

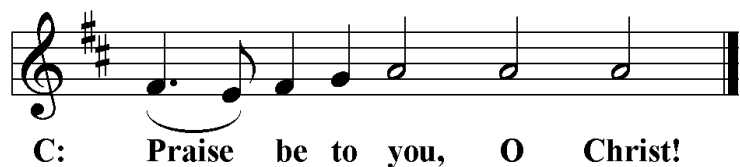
**John 14:1-6**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where

I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

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

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Please be seated*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**Faith Is a Living Power from Heaven**  
*Christian Worship #404*

## SERMON

**Daniel 1:1-17**  
**Do Not Defile: The Daniel Diet**

*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.*

*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!*

<b>OFFERTORY MUSIC</b>	<b>7:45 AM</b>	<b>When Peace Like a River</b> <i>Christian Worship Supplement #760</i>
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It</b> <i>Tune by Johann Bachofen</i>

*Please stand*

## 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 another. 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 9 with the Words of Institution.*

## THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

*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."*

*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.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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



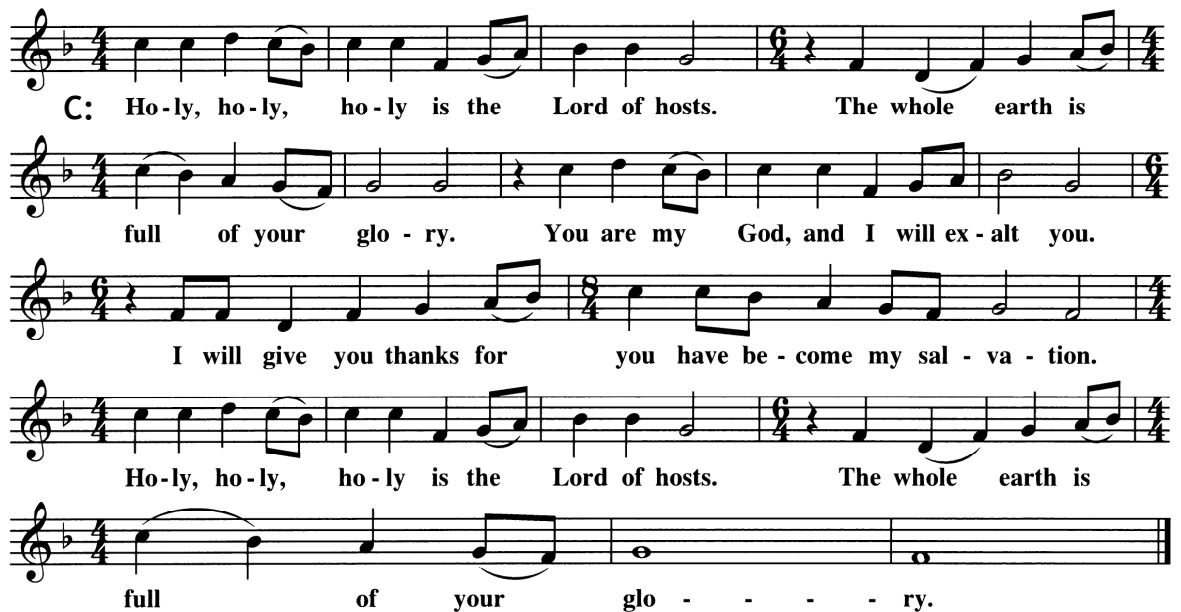
C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

### Sanctus

*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."

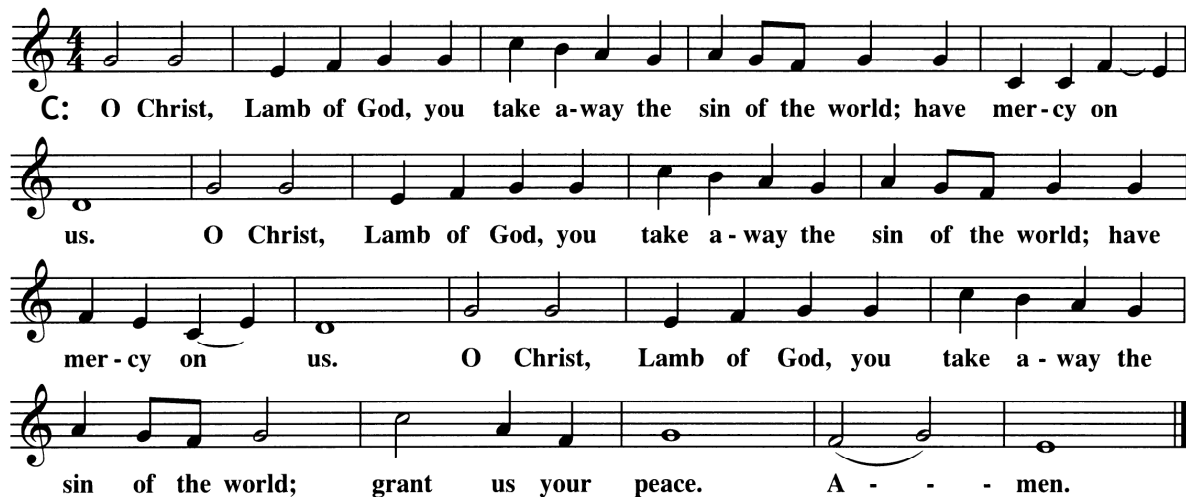
The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - - - - men.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*



*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.*

*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

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev - 'ry-one what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.  
He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

### 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.

C: A - men.

### 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.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

*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)."*

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

Be Still, My Soul  
Christian Worship #415

POSTLUDE	7:45 AM	O God, Our Help in Ages Past Arr. by Victor Labenske
	10:00 AM	Father We Thank Thee By Louis Bourgeois

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher .....	Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Worship Leader .....	Pastor Ron Koehler (10:00 AM)
Communion Assistants.....	Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM)
	Outreach Elder Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Accompanists.....	Kathy Parra (7:45 AM)
	Tina Christianson (10:00 AM)
Voices of Grace Director .....	Beth Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Ushers .....	Vic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)
	Rick Street, Jon Dongoske, Ed Ethington (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech .....	Jeremy Snavelly (10:00 AM)

Redeemer New Teacher Installation Service

Please join your brothers and sisters in Christ Sunday, August 5, for an afternoon of celebrating the goodness of God in blessing Redeemer with three new teachers. Pastor Koehler will preach for the 3:00 PM Installation Service. A reception will follow in the Ministry Center. The new teachers are Mrs. Valerie Follendorf (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades and Special Education) and two new Martin Luther College graduates, Miss Jessica Seiltz (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades and Music) and Miss Megan Watson (3 year-old Preschool and Music Director). *Redeemer is our WELS grade school in Tucson. Eleven children from Grace will be attending Redeemer this fall.*

Redeemer Farewell Potluck for Vicar Scheuerlein

Redeemer Lutheran Church (8845 N. Silverbell Rd) will be hosting a farewell potluck for Vicar Seth Scheuerlein Sunday, July 29 at noon. Vicar Scheuerlein will be returning to Wisconsin to complete his senior year at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. You are invited to attend and to bring a dish for the potluck according to the guidelines that follow.

If your last name begins with:	A-G	Various Salads
	H-P	Main Dish
	Q-Z	Dessert



**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 15-22

\*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:

- *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

### Monday

**Bible Study at Vail Golf Club** ..... 9:30a  
Memorial Service for Arlo Cook ..... 11:00a

### Tuesday

Council Meeting ..... 6:15p

### 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

**VBS Canvassing at Cottonwood Elementary** ..... 9:00-11:00a

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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

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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.

## 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. 10 in today's worship folder under "Distribution" for information about our practice of Member Communion.

## Baptism

Madison Gray Stricker, daughter of Matthew Stricker and stepdaughter of Andrea Stricker will be made a forgiven child of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in 10:00 AM worship this morning.

## Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by the Hawkins family in loving memory of brother and uncle, Lester Oberfeld.

## Member Feedback Meeting this Morning

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 Music 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! During the Bible Study hour this morning (9:00-9:45 AM), Pastor Koehler will lead a Member Feedback Meeting. 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.

## You Are Invited

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

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9  
Acts 13:24-26, 38-39  
Matthew 3:1-12

### *Sermon Text & Theme*

Matthew 3:1-12  
*God Keeps His Salvation Promises*

## Memorial Service

Arlo Cook was called home to heaven Saturday, July 7. Arlo's memorial service will be held at Grace-University tomorrow, July 16 at 11:00 AM with a light luncheon to follow.

## 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!

## Quarterly Offering Statements Available

Those who use the offering envelopes for their giving to the Lord will find a quarterly offering statement envelope with their name on it on the table in the courtyard. Please pick yours up today. *We would ask that you not pick up anyone's envelope but your own.* Our computer software makes it very easy to generate these statements for you on a quarterly basis. We hope you'll appreciate the opportunity to check for any recording errors we may have made and perhaps use it to review your gifts of love to your Savior.

## Calling All Books!

If you've checked out a book from the Grace-University library and are still reading it, by all means keep it. But, if you have a Grace library book and have just forgotten to return it, please bring it back to the library and put it on the desk and it will be properly shelved. If you have any questions please contact Judy Ethington at 971-5839.

## WELS Tucson Campus Ministry

WELS TCM is still on hiatus for the summer, but mark your calendars for the Welcome Back Party on August 26 at 6:00 PM. All college students or anyone of approximately college age is encouraged to attend. Information will be available regarding our semester schedule for Bible studies and activities, as well as food and fun, and an opportunity to sign up for parking permits for the semester. Contact Pastor Kassulke in the office if you have any questions (623-6633).

## Hot Enough for Ya?

Go out for ice cream! See a movie! Purchase **Scrip** for Baskin Robbins, Cold Stone Creamery, Blockbuster, or AMC and Century Theatres from Vic and Lois Thornton (after early service and after Bible Study) or Debbie Koehler (after late service) at the courtyard table today! Not sure what Scrip is? Just ask us!

## Evangelism Mentoring Team Coming!

Don and Ruth Kemerley, WELS members from Ohio, have assisted several mission churches as an Evangelism Mentoring Team. In this role, they spend up to several weeks at a time during the course of a year at the mission church. There they assist with canvassing, follow-up, preparing for special events, or other needed work. Don and Ruth will soon begin working with Grace, and especially our Vail site. Watch for more information about their time here and for how you can help with the work that we are doing together!

## Vacation Bible School at Grace-Vail

Grace-Vail is having a one-day "Back to Jerusalem" Vacation Bible School Saturday, July 28 from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM at Cottonwood Elementary. We'll learn that God's message about his love for us never changes. There will be devotions, songs and crafts to reinforce the lesson. To register online visit the Grace website at [www.gracetucsonwels.com](http://www.gracetucsonwels.com).

Help us get the word out about Vacation Bible School! We will be meeting at Cottonwood Elementary (9950 E. Rees Loop) from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM this Saturday, July 21 to hand out promotional materials about our VBS. You bring a hat, we'll bring the water!