

# Christ the King

## Last Sunday of End Time



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
November 25, 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.

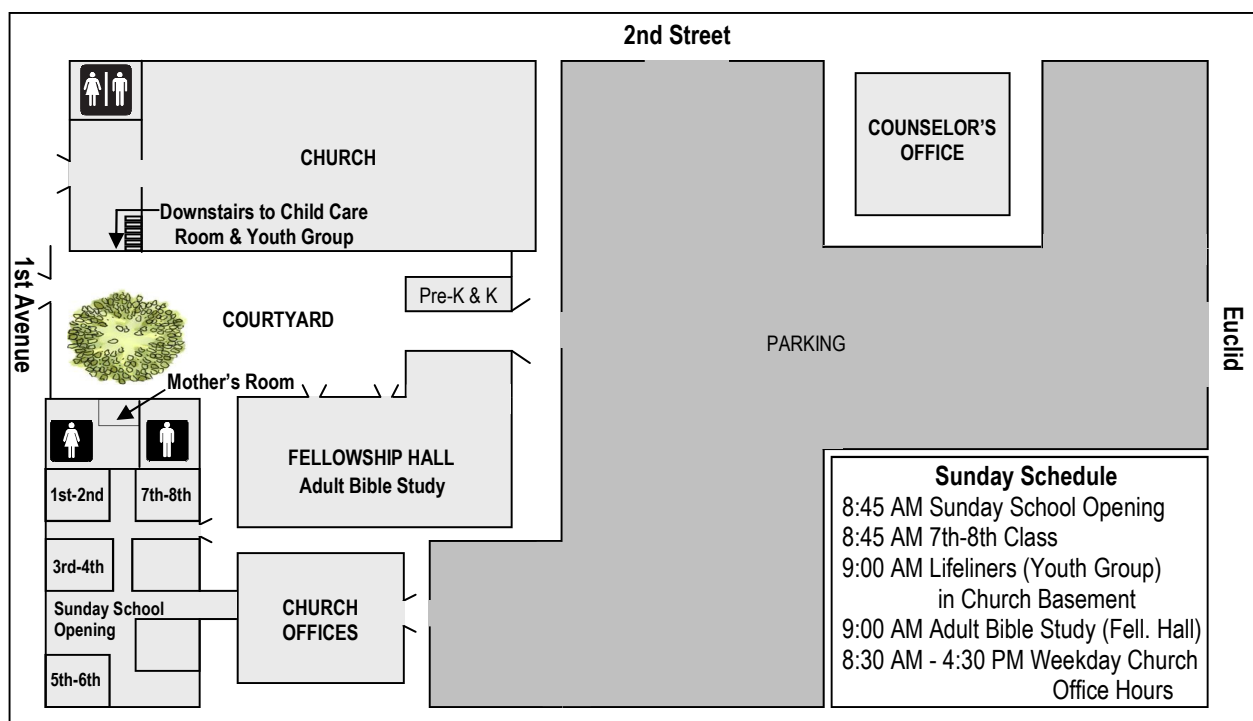
**Hymns** are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

**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 entryway, sometimes that's all that's needed
- go down the stairs to the left in the 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)



# DIVINE SERVICE I

## Christian Worship Supplement

### WELCOME

**HYMN (10:00—Voices of Grace will sing stanzas 1 & 3)**      **The King Shall Come**  
*Christian Worship #25*

*Please stand*

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.  
Congregation: Amen.

### CONFESSION OF SINS

- M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- 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.

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Kyrie*



- 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.

### PRAYER AND PRAISE

- M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### PRESERVICE:

**7:45 AM—**  
*Rejoice, the Lord is King!*  
Arr. by Lloyd Larson

**10:00 AM—**  
*Hallelujah Chorus*  
By G. F. Handel

*All Glory Laud and Honor / Come, Now, Almighty King / O Worship the King*  
*Played by the Handbell Choir*


*We come before the true God only because of his mercy and not because we deserve to come. We confess our unworthiness and rejoice to hear the assurance of forgiveness.*

*Kyrie—We sing our penitential confession to our Triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit, asking for his mercy. The name Kyrie is shortened from the Greek Kyrie Eleison, which means “Lord have mercy.”*

*The vocalists will sing the verses, the congregation may join in the refrains.*


## Thanks Be to God!

*Refrain*




Thanks be to God! He gives us the vic - to - ry through

*Refrains 1-3*



Je - sus Christ, our Lord.

*Final Refrain*



Lord. A - men.

- 1 Blessed are they who washed their robes  
and have made them white in the blood of the Lamb.  
They are before the throne of God and serve him,  
and serve him day and night in his temple.

### *Refrain*

- 2 Never will they hunger or thirst;  
the sun will not beat upon them,  
For the Lamb will be their shepherd;  
he will lead them to springs of living water.

### *Refrain*

- 3 Blessed are they who washed their robes  
and have made them white in the blood of the Lamb.  
He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them,  
and then their God will wipe away ev'ry tear from their eyes.

### *Final Refrain*

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Text (refrain): 1 Corinthians 15:57, alt

Text (verses): Revelation 7:14-17, alt.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**C:** And also with you.

**M:** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one.  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when  
every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of  
lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

*Please be seated*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

**Daniel 7:13-14**

"In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and

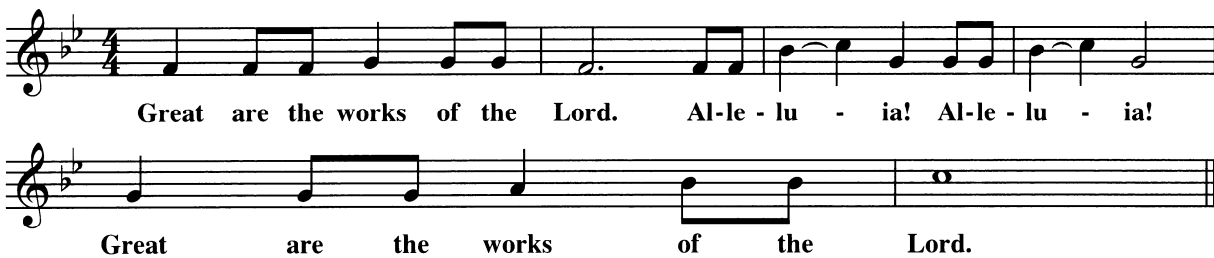
sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed." (NIV)

*The First Lesson is frequently a reading from the Old Testament. It shares a common theme with the Second Lesson (often from one of the epistles) and the Gospel.*

### PSALM OF THE DAY

**PSALM 45**

#### Refrain



#### Psalm Tone



1. My heart is stirred by a / noble theme\* as I recite my verses / for the King.
2. You are the most excel- / lent of men,\* and your lips have been anoint- / ed with grace.
3. Gird your sword upon your side, O / Mighty One;\* clothe yourself with splendor and /  
majesty.
4. In your majesty ride forth vic- / toriously;\* let your right hand display / awesome deeds.

#### Refrain

5. Your throne, O God, will last for ever and / ever;\* a scepter of justice will be the  
scepter of your / kingdom.
6. You love righteousness and hate / wickedness;\* therefore God has anointed you with  
the / oil of joy.
7. I will perpetuate your memory through all gener- / ations;\* therefore the nations will  
praise you for ever and / ever.
8. 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

...from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be

## Revelation 1:4b-8

glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.” (NIV)

## VERSE OF THE DAY

## Revelation 22:13

M: Alleluia. I am the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Alleluia.

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL

## John 18:33-37

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?” “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?” Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my

servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place.” “You are a king, then!” said Pilate. Jesus answered, “You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.” (NIV)

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



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

## 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*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

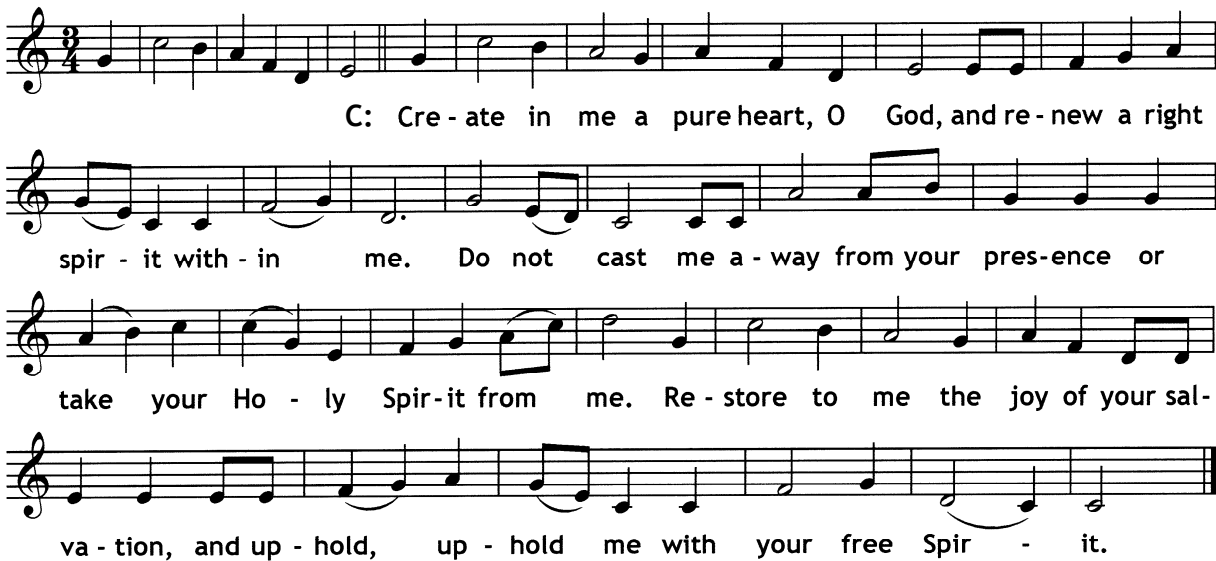
The Head that Once Was Crowned  
*Christian Worship #217*

## SERMON

Revelation 1:4b-8  
Every Eye Will See the King

*Please stand*

*After the sermon, please join in singing the response below:*



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.

*Please be seated*



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**OFFERTORY  
MUSIC:**

**7:45 AM—**  
Come, Thou  
Almighty King  
Arr. by Lloyd Larson

**10:00 AM—**  
King of Kings  
Ancient Hebrew  
Folk Song

**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!*

*Please stand*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH—CHRIST THE KING**

**M:** To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever!

**C:** **Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory.**

**M:** You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise, for you created all things and by your will they were created and have their being.

**C:** **Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns!**

**M:** You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased us for God. From every tribe and language and people and nation, you have called us into your kingdom and have made us priests to serve you, our God and Father.

**C:** **Help us live as royal priests.**

**M:** We give thanks to you, O Christ our Shepherd-King, because you have searched for us and found us. Lead us to the green pastures and quiet waters of your saving love, so that we may enjoy peace and comfort for our souls.

**C:** **Heal our hearts when they are broken with sin and guilt. Strengthen us when we are weak.**

**M:** We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. Come with your mighty power to break and defeat every evil plan and purpose of the devil, of the ungodly influences and ideas of the world, and of our own sinful nature. Use your power to calm the unrest among nations and peoples so that your kingdom may spread and grow.

**C:** **Strengthen our confidence in knowing that your kingdom will never be destroyed.**

**M:** O Christ our King, you have supremacy over all. You will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity. You have destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Reign in our hearts that we may serve you more faithfully and speak more boldly to others of your saving love.

**C:** **Praise be to the Lord God, who alone does marvelous deeds. May the whole earth be filled with his glory.**



*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

M: Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords.

C: The Lord God Almighty reigns! Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! 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*

### HYMN

Glory Be to God the Father  
*Christian Worship #239*

*Please stand*

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

*Please be seated*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CLOSING HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns  
*Christian Worship #341*

*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.*

### POSTLUDE:

**7:45 AM—**  
*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*  
By Victor Labenske

**10:00 AM—**  
*Crown Him with Many Crowns*  
Setting by Michael Burkhardt

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at TWO places!**

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



## This Week at Grace • Nov 25-Dec 2

\*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  
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*.....9:00a  
Adult Bible Study:  
• *The Life of Christ: Jesus' Miracles* (Fellowship Hall).....9:00a  
**Grace-Vail Bible Study at Cottonwood Elementary**.....9:00a  
**Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem.**.....9:00a  
**Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary**.....10:00a  
Installation of Adam Mueller at Redeemer.....3:00p  
**NO WELS TCM Bible Study**.....

### Monday

**Bible Study at Vail Golf Club: *Book of Acts***.....9:30a  
English as a Second Language Classes.....6:30p

### Tuesday

Handbell Practice.....5:30p  
English as a Second Language Classes.....6:30p

### Wednesday

Midweek Bible Study: *Church History*.....10:00a  
NEW Grow in Grace Class.....3:30p  
Wind Ensemble.....5:00p

### Wednesday (continued)

Midweek Bible Study: *Church History*.....7:00p  
**Bible Study at the Prigges: *Book of Hebrews***.....7:00p

### Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *Philippians*.....9:00a  
Worship Choir.....6:30p  
**Financial Peace University in Vail**.....7:00p  
Grow in Grace Class (Conference Room in Office).....7:30p

### Saturday

**Christmas for Kids at Cottonwood Elem.**.....9:30a-1:00p  
Worship Choir.....9:30a

### Sunday

Worship Services/Communion.....7:45 & 10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship following both services.....  
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**Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary**.....10:00a  
WELS TCM Bible Study: *Eegee's & an Epistle*.....7:00p

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## 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.

## Those Assisting in Worship This Morning

**Preacher:** Pastor Nathan Kassulke, **Worship Leader:** Pastor Ron Koehler, **Accompanists:** Kathy Parra (7:45 AM) & Tina Christianson (10:00 AM), **Vocalists:** Jeff & Ariana Weinstein **Handbell Choir Director:** Beth Kassulke (10:00 AM), **Trumpet:** Tyler Koehler, **Sound & Recording Tech:** Amy Breiling

## You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship this morning in the courtyard following both services. Fellowship after 10:00 AM worship is hosted by DJ & Jenn Miller and Bryan & Teri Guenther. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.



During this time of year, the sun shines through the stained glass windows and directs its light on the church pews. Feel free to move during the service if the sun is bothering you. For more information about what the symbols and pictures in the windows represent, please take a pamphlet from the main entryway.

## NEXT SUNDAY

### *Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week*

Genesis 19:15-17, 23-29  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  
Luke 21:25-36

### *Sermon Text & Theme*

Genesis 19:15-17, 23-29  
*Don't Look Back, Look Forward!*

## Installation Service Today

We rejoice with our sister church in Marana, Redeemer Lutheran, that God has provided them with a new full time pastor. Pastor Adam Mueller will be installed in a special worship service today at 3:00 PM. Officiating at the service will be Pastor Aaron Mueller, AZ-CA District President Jon Buchholz and Vacancy Pastor John Sullivan. Please join with members of area congregations in welcoming Pastor Mueller and his family to Redeemer. A welcome dinner will be served in the Ministry Center immediately following the installation service.

## Christmas for Kids at Both Grace Locations

Make plans to join us for our annual Christmas for Kids at Grace-Vail this Saturday, December 1 from 9:30 AM-1:00 PM and at Grace-University Saturday, December 8 from 9:30 AM-1:00 PM. Registration forms can be found online at [www.GraceTucsonWELS.com/c4k](http://www.GraceTucsonWELS.com/c4k), on the table in the Fellowship Hall, and on the Grace-Vail welcome table.

## Koiné CDs

CDs by the WELS musical group Koiné are being sold as a fundraiser for Redeemer Lutheran School. There are six CD choices, including their brand new Christmas CD, each available for \$15. If you would like to order a CD or to get more information, please see Lucas Guenther or the other Redeemer students that will be in the Courtyard after worship or speak to Pastor Kassulke. We will be taking orders today and next week only.



## Advent Services and Suppers

Midweek Advent Services will be held on December 5, 12 and 19 at Grace-University at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM. *Advent Through the Fathers' Eyes* is our theme as we consider the Savior's coming into the world through the eyes of God the Father and Jesus' earthly father, Joseph. These services are designed to help us prepare our hearts for the celebration of our Savior's birth on Christmas.

You are invited to join your brothers and sisters in Christ for supper at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall prior to each of these services. We need volunteers to host the meals on December 12 and 19 (individuals, families, groups, or any combination). There are information sheets in the Fellowship Hall which explain how to host one of these meals. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office if you would like to serve in this way.

## Christian Fellowship Group Christmas Potluck

The Christian Fellowship Group will hold their annual Potluck Christmas Party at Jo Davis' home (1899 W. Camelot) on Saturday, December 8 at noon. Dorothy Kaiser is co-hostess. Following the meal Christmas carols will be sung. Call Jo at 624-9156 or Dorothy at 622-3159 for more information and/or directions. Please join us for good fellowship as we prepare to receive our King. *The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and older with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis.*

## Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 16 at 7:00 PM the Grace Worship Choir will present "Shout the Good News!" This work shares the Christmas message in Scripture and song. Join us in the Grace Fellowship Hall for a lasagna dinner at 5:00 PM before the concert. Dinner is served until about 6:30 PM. The concert will begin at 7:00 in the Church. You are invited to contribute to a freewill offering. The offering will be used to offset the cost of the dinner and of this and future musical performances. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall and on the Grace-Vail welcome table for anyone who would like to help with various aspects of the dinner.

## New Cards in the Fellowship Hall

There are new cards and Christmas card boxes available for purchase on the south wall of the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to stop by and check them out! If you have any questions please contact Lisa Lenius at 308-4266.

## NEW Grow in Grace Class!

A new Grow In Grace class will be starting this week for those who are curious about what the Bible teaches or who may be interested in membership here at Grace. Pastor Koehler will be teaching this class on Wednesdays at 3:30 PM in the Office Meeting Room. Call the church office with questions at 623-6633 or simply come on Wednesday and give it a try!



## Grace Iron Men

The newly formed men's group for men of Grace who are 21 and older met for the first time in November for Gridiron Monday to watch Monday night football together. Our second event will take place on Friday, December 7 at Click's Billiards, 3325 N. First Avenue. No need to RSVP, just show up and shoot some pool—we'll be looking for you from 7 PM on! Bring some cash for pool and food and drinks if you want them. Grace Iron Men will be meeting about once per month on various days of the week for fellowship events and Bible studies. You can help us decide what we we'll do in the coming months!