Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



Grace Lutheran Church August 5, 2012





830 N. First Ave Tucson, AZ 85719

Worshiping Sunday Morning at 7:45 & 10:00

Welcome to Grace!

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



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As We Gather

We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord and the Savior of all mankind. We are delighted that you have chosen to spend this hour of worship with us and pray that your faith will be strengthened and your spirit lifted as we exalt the Lord our God.

A Prayer Before Worship

Almighty God, grant that during our earthly pilgrimage we may so treasure your Word and sacraments that being nourished in faith we may one day dwell in the courts of heaven to praise you forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Few Notes About Our Service

The Order of Worship

God does not restrict us to specific orders of worship. We are free to worship him in many different ways. From ancient times Christians have chosen to use a "liturgy" to guide them in worship. The word "liturgy" means service. Liturgies are orders of worship which provide a solemn setting for songs and expressions of praise, repentance of sins, attentiveness to God's word, public profession of our faith, prayer, and support for his kingdom.

Dialogue

The Lutheran liturgies contain a series of dialogues between the worship leader and the assembled congregation, and between the congregation and God. The movements of the worship leader are significant; they point the direction of our worship. When the worship leader faces the altar, it signifies that the leader and congregation are speaking to God with prayers or praises. At other times when the leader faces the congregation he is acting as God's spokesman who brings God's word to God's people.

Sundays after Pentecost

We have entered into the non-festival half of the Church Year. We never leave behind Christ and his work for us which was the center of our attention in the festival half of the Church Year; but now the emphasis has shifted to the result of his work through the Word: the work of defining faith, of creating it and inspiring its fruits in the church collectively and in each of us individually.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Christian Worship

WELCOME

HYMN

Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly

Christian Worship #484



This hymn is sung by the Christian music group Koiné. Feel free to join in as you feel comfortable. Please note there will be a musical interlude between stanzas 2 and 3

STAND

INVOCATION

MINISTER: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the

fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

CONGREGATION: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

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. 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.

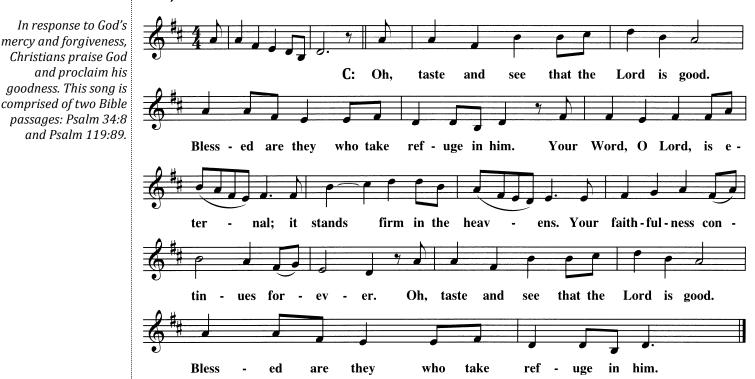
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

- **M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May god give you strength to live according to his will.
- C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

OH, TASTE AND SEE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

WE READ FROM SCRIPTURE

FIRST LESSON 2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal Shalishah, bringing the man of God twenty loaves of barley bread baked from the first ripe grain, along with some heads of new grain. "Give it to the people to eat," Elisha said. "How can I set this before a hundred men?" his servant asked. But Elisha

answered, "Give it to the people to eat. For this is what the LORD says: 'They will eat and have some left over.'" Then he set it before them, and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of the LORD.

"And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe."
-1 Thessalonians 2:13

PSALM 84

M: How lovely is your dwelling place,

C: O LORD Almighty!

M: My soul yearns, even faints,C: for the courts of the LORD.

M: Blessed are those who dwell in your house;

C: they are ever praising you.

M: Better is one day in your courts

C: than a thousand elsewhere;

M: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God

C: than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

M: O LORD Almighty,

C: blessed are they who trust in you.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 9:8-11

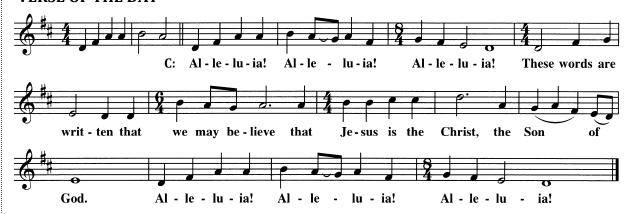
And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: "He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." Now he who supplies seed to the sower and

bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

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



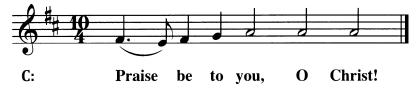
STAND

The congregation stands and sings a song of praise out of respect for the words of Christ, our King. GOSPEL

Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he had performed on the sick. Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. The Jewish Passover Feast was near. When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Eight months' wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them. Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

John 6:1-15

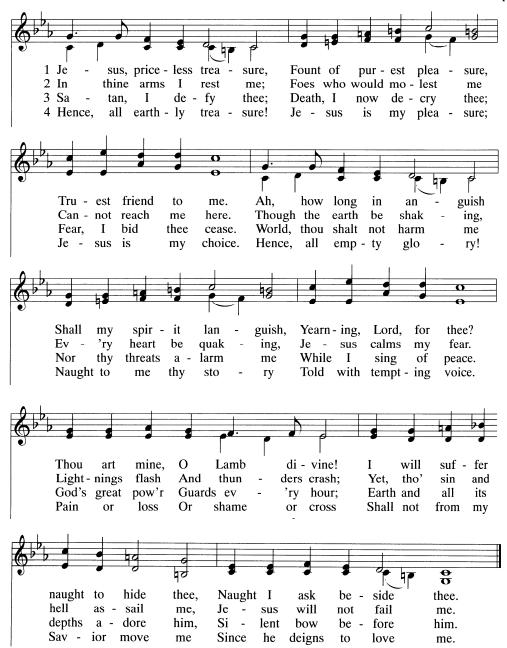
After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



BE SEATED

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Christian Worship #349



5 Hence, all fear and sadness! For the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in. Those who love the Father, Though the storms may gather, Still have peace within. Yea, whate'er I here must bear, Thou art still my purest pleasure, Jesus, priceless treasure!

SERMON

John 6:1-15 Can Five Loaves Feed Five Thousand?

"Five Truths about Jesus, the Bread of Life"

- ♦ 8/5 Jesus provides bread for physical life
- ♦ 8/12 Jesus is the bread for eternal life
- ♦ 8/19 Jesus is the bread that comes from haven
- ♦ 8/26 No life outside of the bread of life
- ♦ 9/2 God brings us to the bread of life

Copies of the sermon are available in the back at the information table and will be posted on the Grace website.

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH

"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." -Romans 10:9, 10

The Apostles' Creed developed in the Early Christian Church as a personal confession. It is so named because it confesses the faith taught by the Apostles.

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.

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!

STAND

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.

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."

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

- We bring these requests before you in the name of our Lord, and ask you to hear M: us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.
- We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing C: 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.

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.

BE SEATED

HYMN (see page 9)

Come, You Thankful People, Come Christian Worship #613 The English Harvest Festival, for which this text was written, is similar to our

Thanksgiving Day, except that it is a moveable feast. In England, farmers and

gardeners would bring their best produce to decorate the church. In some places, each family apparently

contributed one sheaf of grain towards making bread for the next year's

Communion services.

STAND

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE BLESSING

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 on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

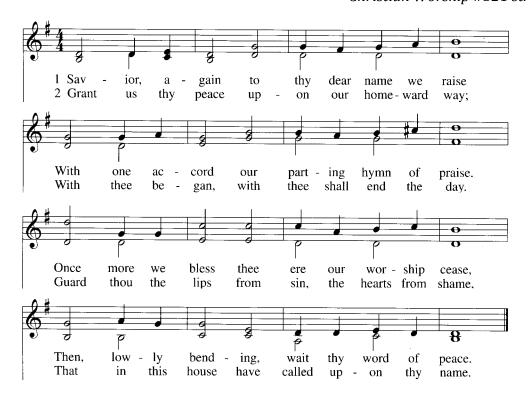


The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So I will put my name on [them], and I will bless them." Numbers 6:27

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name *Christian Worship #321 st. 1 & 2*



THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leader	Pastor Colin Rieke
Accompanist	Jonathan Rovey

Come, You Thankful People, Come 613 you thank - ful 1 Come, peo - ple, come; Raise the song 2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to 3 For the Lord our God shall come And shall take his 4 E ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To your fi nal har vest - home. safe - ly gath - ered in praise to yield; Wheat and weeds to geth er sown, har - vest From home, his field shall in that day vest - home; Gath er all your peo ple in, storms be - gin. Ere the win - ter God our mak - er Un - to joy sor - row grown. First the blade and or purge a - way, of fens - es Give his an - gels Free from sor - row, free from There. for - ev - er shall pro vide For Come our wants to be sup - plied. to then the ear, Then the full corn shall of ap - pear. Lord charge at last In the fire the weeds to cast, But the pu - ri fied, In your gar - ner to a - bide. Come with God's own tem - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest - home. har - vest, grant that we Whole-some grain and pure may be. fruit - ful ears to store In his gar - ner ev - er - more. an - gels, come; Raise the glo - rious har - vest - home.



Worshiping at
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Grace-Vail Announcements and Upcoming Events

Read Ahead for Next Sunday:

Exodus 16:2-20 1 Corinthians 10:1-5, 11-13 John 6:24-35

You are invited

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. We invited you to join us for a time of "meet and greet" after the service. Enjoy some coffee and cookies while you get to know those worshiping with you this morning.

Join Us Next Sunday

Join us next Sunday as we continue to look at another truth about "Jesus, the Bread of Life."

"Five Truths about Jesus, the Bread of Life"

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Help with Tear-Down and Clean-Up

If you have extra time following the service and would like to help break down the worship area and put equipment away, it would be appreciated. The more hands we have helping, the faster it gets done. Please speak with Pastor Rieke or Jason Watson (the guy working the sound table) if you have questions.

Nursery Available

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Therefore, we welcome children in our worship service. If, however, you feel the need to calm or feed your young children, we do have a nursery available. Follow the signs through the south entrance doors to find it.

Evangelism Mentoring Team

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 be in Tucson at the end of August, and the beginning of September to work 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!

Grace-University Announcements and Upcoming Events

Redeemer New Teacher Installation Service Today

Please join your brothers and sisters in Christ for an afternoon of celebrating the goodness of God in blessing Redeemer (8845 North Silverbell Rd) with three new teachers. Pastor Koehler will preach for the 3:00 PM Installation Service this afternoon. A reception will follow in the Ministry Center. The new teachers are Mrs. Valerie Follendorf (1st and 2nd grades and Special Education) and two new Martin Luther College graduates, Miss Jessica Seiltz (3rd and 4th 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.

Intersection Closed

Along with the ongoing construction on University Ave. for the installation of the modern streetcar, the intersection of University and Euclid Ave. will be closed Wednesday, August 8 through Monday morning, August 13. Those who normally drive through this intersection on their way to Grace-University should plan time to take another route next Sunday, August 12.



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Electronic Giving

Grace Lutheran Church is pleased to announce the introduction of *Simply Giving - Online*, a new electronic option for making regular, as well as one-time, special offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Our new, secure electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

Using *Simply Giving - Online* also allows you to view your giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. To sign up for *Simply Giving - Online*, simply follow these steps:

- 1. Visit our church's website at www.gracetucsonwels.com,
- 2. Click on the "Online Giving" button,
- 3. Click on the Create Profile button*, then
- 4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring (or one-time special) offerings.

You may also enroll by completing an authorization form available from the church office. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk with the Council's Financial Secretary, Doug Lemke (520.275.1685).

* Please note: For those of you already enrolled in *Simply Giving* prior to August 1, 2012, and interested in having online access, please provide your email address to the church office *before* you create an online profile to manage and view your offerings. Providing us your email address will allow us to link your prior offerings with the online profile.

This Week at Grace (7/29/12 - 8/5/12)

Grace—University

Grace—Vail

TODAY

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Worship Services/Communion7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services
Children's Sunday School8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class8:45a
Adult Bible Studies:
• The Life of Christ: Jesus' Parables (Fellowship Hall) 9:00a
 Grow in Grace Class (Conference Room in Office) 9:00a
Lifeliners (High School Group): Bible Study9:00a
Teacher Installation Service at Redeemer3:00p
Monday Nominating Committee Meeting6:30p
Tuesday
Saguaro Circuit Meeting at Grace1:00p
Wednesday Midweek Bible Studies: Church History

Thursday Women's Bible Study: Genesis9:00a Financial Peace University6:30p

Christian Fellowship Group at Grace 10:00a

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Bible Study & Discussion	9:00a
Worship Service	10:00a
"Meet & Greet" Fellowship	after worship
Monday	
Bible Study at Del Lago Golf Club: Book of A	Acts 9:30a

Sunday

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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 Grace-University church property. Thank you!

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) Fall Retreat

The fall retreat for the LWMS Grand Canyon Circuit is coming soon! It will be held at the Chapel Rock Resort in Prescott, AZ November 2-4. The registration deadline is August 15. Three payment options are available. See the August newsletter for details or go to www.grandcanyonlwms.org. You may also call Diane Kramm if you have any questions at 440-8564.

Christian Fellowship Group

Saturday, August 11 at 10:00 AM Grace member, Judy Ethington, will talk about the new updates that have been ongoing in the Grace-University church library. She will discuss what the updates are and what they will mean for us. She'll also help us learn how to use our library more fully. Following her presentation we will have lunch and members are asked to bring "picnic" food (sandwiches, veggies, chips, fruit, etc.) to share. Drinks, desserts, and "ants" will be provided and all are welcome! The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and older with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis.

Thanks to the 100!

100 Grace members participated in the Member Feedback Meetings held on July 15 at both Grace sites. We appreciate your involvement in the discussion and the direction you gave us. Based on the overwhelming support for the idea of a paid, part-time Music Coordinator to serve both sites and suggestions you proposed, the church council would like to go forward in this way:

- 1. Begin receiving donations to the Music Fund immediately. Some have indicated that they will support this right away so that we can get a person started as soon as possible. If you would like to do this, please include your donation in your regular envelope with "Music Fund—Coordinator" written on the front. A regular envelope with "Music Fund—Coordinator" written on it will also work. *Please do this over and above your regular offerings as we are currently working with a deficit.
- 2. Any Grace member interested in the position may submit a resume to the church office by August 6th. There should be enough information in the MFM handout to explain what the position entails, but any questions may be directed to Pastor Koehler. Copies of that handout are available in the Fellowship Hall at Grace-University or may be emailed to those interested. The Pastors and Council will consider the applicants and ask someone to serve as our new Music Coordinator once we have money and commitments to cover the remainder of 2012. We are not planning to ask the congregation to use the Perpetual Memorial Fund or the General Bequest Fund as we begin this new position.
- 3. The council will be considering how to handle the cost of this position for 2013. They appreciate your continued advice and encouragement.

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).

Mission to the Children's "Communion with a Passport"

Mission to the Children is offering an opportunity to visit our Mexican Lutheran Church in Sasabe, Sonora, Mexico for a church communion service with your international brothers and sisters in Christ. The visit will include a meal prepared by the women of the church. The date is <u>next Sunday</u>, <u>August 12 and the service is at 2:00 P.M.</u> We plan to leave in the Mission to the Children van from Grace-University at 12:30 P.M. and return by 6:30 P.M.

It is not necessary to know Spanish to attend. However, a valid passport is required. A donation of \$12 is suggested, but not required. If you desire to attend this event of "Communion with a Passport," <u>please RSVP to Mary Ann Rosas at 520-591-0799 by this Wednesday, August 8</u>. Thank you.

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.