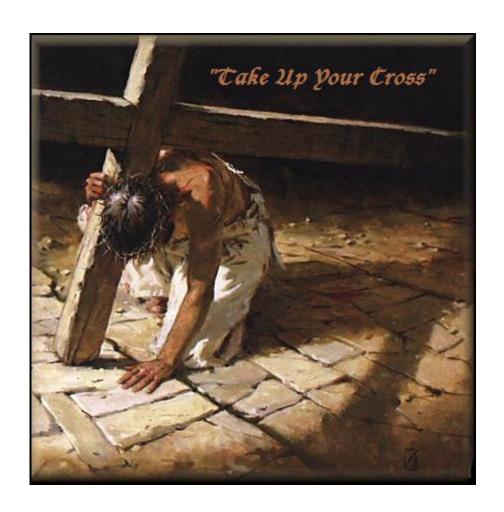
## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



Grace Lutheran Church September 23, 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.



9950 E. Rees Loop Tucson, AZ 85747

Worshiping Sunday Morning at 10:00

#### www.GraceTucsonWELS.com

#### 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

God of mercy and might, through the resurrection of your Son you have freed us from the anguish of guilt and the bonds of death. Be with us on our pilgrimage and help us glorify you in the presence of all your people; through 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.

#### **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 WORD AND SACRAMENT

Christian Worship

#### **WELCOME**

#### **HYMN**

#### This Is the Day the Lord Has Made

Christian Worship #225



Hosanna in the highest strains
 The Church on earth shall raise;
 The highest heav'ns, in which he reigns,
 Shall give him nobler praise.

#### **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.

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.

#### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

- **M:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- 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.

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

- **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**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*

**M:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**M:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



**M:** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

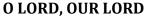


Kyrie—We sing our penitential confession to our Triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit, asking for his mercy. The name **Kyrie** is shortened from the Greek **Kyrie Eleison**, which means "Lord have mercy."

**M:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.



**M:** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray. Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

#### WE READ FROM SCRIPTURE

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.

**FIRST LESSON** 

**Jeremiah 38:1-13** 

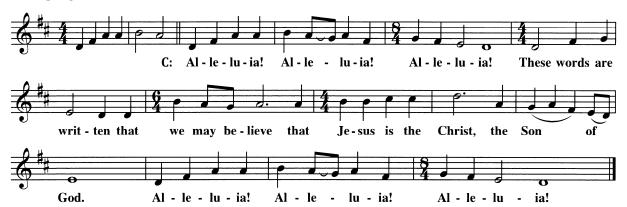
Shephatiah son of Mattan, Gedaliah son of Pashhur, Jehucal son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur son of Malkijah heard what Jeremiah was telling all the people when he said, "This is what the LORD says: 'Whoever stays in this city will die by the sword, famine or plague, but whoever goes over to the Babylonians will live. He will escape with his life; he will live.' And this is what the LORD says: 'This city will certainly be handed over to the army of the king of Babylon, who will capture it." Then the officials said to the king, "This man should be put to death. He is discouraging the soldiers who are left in this city, as well as all the people, by the things he is saying to them. This man is not seeking the good of these people but their ruin." "He is in your hands," King Zedekiah answered. "The king can do nothing to oppose you." So they took Jeremiah and put him into the cistern of Malkijah, the king's son, which was in the courtyard of the guard. They lowered Jeremiah by ropes into the cistern; it had no water in it, only mud, and Jeremiah sank down into the mud. But EbedMelech, a Cushite, an official in the royal palace, heard that they had put Jeremiah into the cistern. While the king was sitting in the Benjamin Gate, Ebed-Melech went out of the palace and said to him, "My lord the king, these men have acted wickedly in all they have done to Jeremiah the prophet. They have thrown him into a cistern, where he will starve to death when there is no longer any bread in the city." Then the king commanded Ebed-Melech the Cushite, "Take thirty men from here with you and lift Jeremiah the prophet out of the cistern before he dies." So Ebed-Melech took the men with him and went to a room under the treasury in the palace. He took some old rags and worn-out clothes from there and let them down with ropes to Jeremiah in the cistern. Ebed-Melech the Cushite said to Jeremiah, "Put these old rags and wornout clothes under your arms to pad the ropes." Jeremiah did so, and they pulled him up with the ropes and lifted him out of the cistern. And Jeremiah remained in the courtyard of the guard. (NIV)

#### SECOND LESSON

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be 1 Peter 4:12-19

overjoyed when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And, "If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good. (NIV)

#### VERSE OF THE DAY



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.

STAND

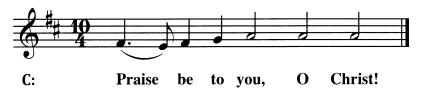
GOSPEL Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ." Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise

again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it." (NIV)

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

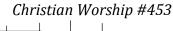
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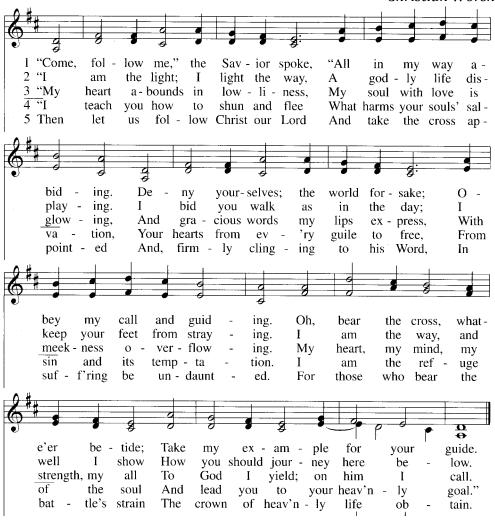


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#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

## Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke





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

Mark 8:27-35 Are You Living in Denial?

#### **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

#### **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.

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.

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.

**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:** 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.

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."

#### "Your kingdom come." God's kingdom certainly comes by itself even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may also come to us. God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives his Holy Spirit, so that by his grace we believe his holy Word and lead a godly life now on earth and forever in heaven.

#### 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.

#### THE SACRAMENT

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



**M:** Lift up your hearts.

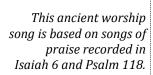


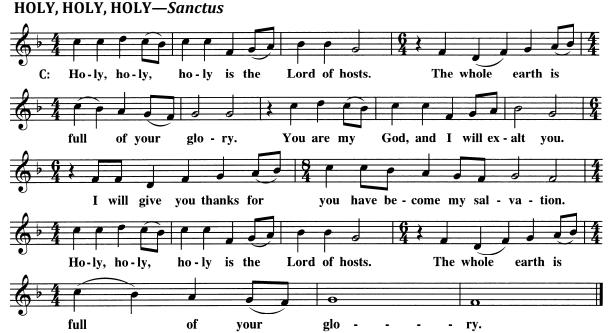
**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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.





#### **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."

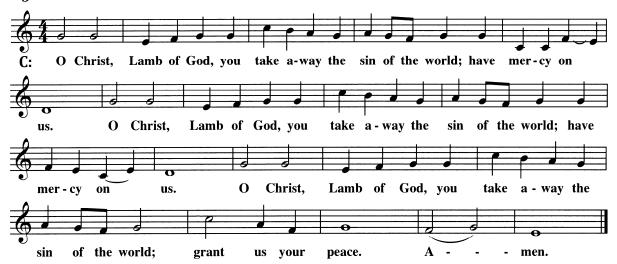
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



#### O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



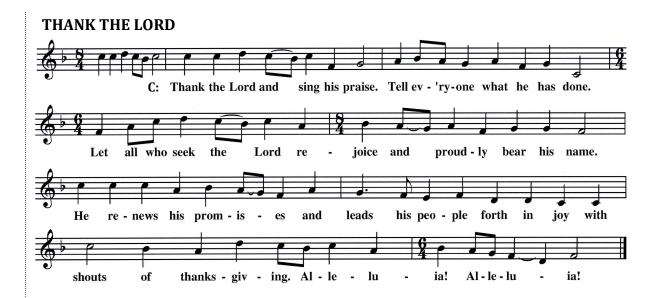
Jesus is the Lamb of God who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all. The words of this song are based on John 1:29, where John the Baptist refers to Jesus this way.

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#### 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 the pastor 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.



M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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

#### THE 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 on you and be gracious to you.

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

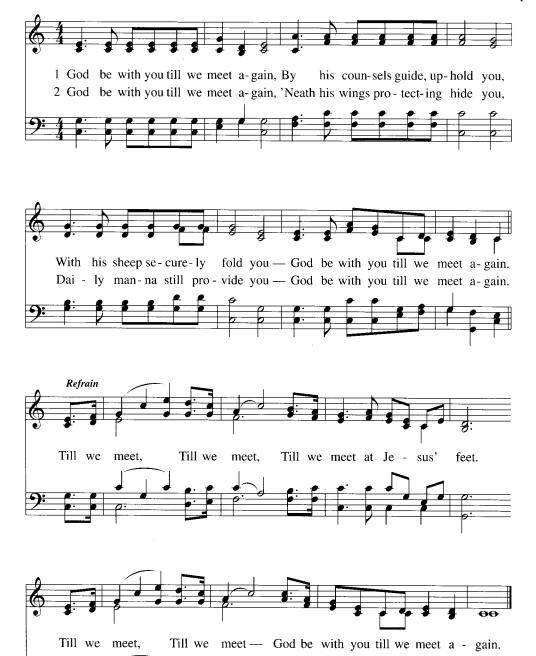


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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### God Be with You till We Meet Again

Christian Worship #327



#### THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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9:00 AM—Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 AM—Worship Service

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## Grace-Vail Announcements and Upcoming Events

#### Read Ahead for Next Sunday:

Numbers 12:1-15 James 3:13-18 Mark 9:30-37

## **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.

## 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.

#### No Bible Class

There will be no Monday morning Acts Bible Class or Wednesday evening Hebrews Bible Class this week as Pastor Rieke is on vacation.

#### **Grace Polo Shirts**

We are excited to announce that polo shirts with the Grace logo will be offered for sale at both Grace-University and Grace-Vail. Youth, Ladies, and Men sizes will be available in two styles and five colors (white, light blue, royal blue, royal purple, and lime green). Sample shirts of each style and all colors will be at both sites to help you make your selection. Prices: Poly/Cotton - Youth \$14.50, Ladies & Men \$17.00; Polyester Cool/Wicking polo \$24.00. (Prices are slightly higher for XX and larger sizes.) Orders will be taken Sundays, 9/30, 10/7 and 10/14. Payment should be made when shirts are ordered. Shirts will be available for pick up Sunday, 11/4.

We especially hope that all of the people who volunteer to work at the Vail Country Fair on Saturday, 11/10, will be able to wear the new polo shirt during our outreach to the Vail community. If you have questions see Diane Kramm or Sue Sargent.

## **Financial Peace University**

Pastor Rieke will be facilitating a Financial Peace University class beginning on October 11. The class will be held on Thursday evenings beginning at 7pm right here at Cottonwood Elementary School in room 409. The cost of a membership is \$95 per family. If you have purchased a membership before, there is no additional cost. Following the worship service today we will be showing a brief 2 minute clip to promote the class. If you have any questions please see Pastor Rieke.

# Grace-University Announcements and Upcoming Events

## **Confirmation at Grace-University This Morning**

Brandi Halstead, Kenneth Wheeler, Hannah Holz and Ronald Tadoum will be confirmed at Grace-University during worship this morning. We welcome them to Grace and ask God's blessings on them!

#### **Called Home to Heaven**

Marilyn Warskow was called to her heavenly home last Monday, September 17. Pastor Koehler and Pastor Hallemeyer will conduct the memorial service at Redeemer Lutheran Church Monday, October 1 at 11:00 AM with a light meal to follow.

## **WELS TCM Bible Study Tonight**

WELS Tucson Campus Ministry will be meeting tonight at 7:00 PM in the Student Center located in the Grace-University basement. The topic will be *Being a Better Bible Reader*. We invite all college students and others of approximately college age to join us.



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## **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 October 1. Three payment options are available. For more details go to <a href="https://www.grandcanyonlwms.org">www.grandcanyonlwms.org</a> or check out the flyer in the courtyard display case. You may also call Diane Kramm if you have any questions at 440-8564.

Please note that Sunday, November 4 will be our Tucson-wide area Reformation worship service (3:00 PM). It may be possible to return to Tucson in time for the service following the retreat.

## **Worship Choir This Week**

It's not too late to join the Worship Choir. If EVER you have considered joining choir here at Grace, this is the time! We invite ALL members confirmation age and up! Practice is this Thursday, September 27 at 6:30 PM in the Grace-University basement! Interested WELS college students may also join. We'd love to have you!

## **Hospital Visits**

An important part of Pastor Clemons' ministry is the visitation of those who are sick, hospitalized, or residing in a care center or rehabilitation facility. If you or someone in your family is taken to the hospital, admitted to a care facility, scheduled for surgery or anticipating a hospital stay in the near future, please call the church office (623-6633) or Pastor Clemons (531-1274) and he will arrange visitation.

## This Week at Grace (9/23/12 - 9/30/12)

## **Grace—University**

## **Grace—Vail**

TODAY	
Worship Services7	:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services	
Children's Sunday School	
Youth Confirmation Class	8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): Bible Study	
Adult Bible Studies:	
• The Life of Christ: Jesus' Miracles (Fellowship F	Hall) 9:00a
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Pastor's Saguaro Circuit Meeting at Dove Mtn	•
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Wednesday	10.00-
Midweek Bible Study: Church History	
Wind Ensemble	
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Thursday Women's Bible Study: <i>Genesis</i>	30p
Friday Boy Pioneer District Campout (Fri-Sun)	
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Children's Sunday School8:	45a
Youth Confirmation Class8:	45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): Bible Study9:	00a
Adult Bible Studies:	
• The Life of Christ: Jesus' Miracles (Fellowship Hall) 9:	:00a
Sunday School Teachers' Meeting 11:	15a

#### Women of Grace Officers

The Women of Grace elected new officers at the Fall meeting that was held on September 15. Below is a list of the new officers.

**President:** Diane Kramm (440-8564) Vice President: Dorothy Rauh (296-8840) **Treasurer:** Gisela Kittel (887-0428)

Secretary: Erika Hanson (269-7602)

**LWMS Reporter:** Cindi Breitkreitz (University)

(298-9758)

Sue Sargent (Vail) (647-3049)

All confirmed women of Grace are automatically part of this organization and invited and encouraged to participate in its activities throughout the year.

#### **TODAY**

9:00a
9:00a
10:00a
after worship

#### **Monday**

NO Bible Study at Vail Golf Club .....

#### Wednesday

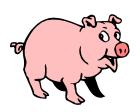
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#### Sunday

Bible Study & Discussion	9:00a
Sunday School	9:00a
Worship Service	10:00a
"Meet & Greet" Fellowship	

## **Spanferkelfest (Pig Roast and Talent Show)**

Our 9th annual Spanferkelfest will be held on Friday, October 12 beginning at 5:30 PM in the 47 Courtyard at Grace-University. This is an annual outreach event to which we hope you will invite vour UNCHURCHED friends,



neighbors and family members. The purpose is to introduce to Grace and its members people who have no church home. For that reason, please DO NOT invite friends from other churches as we do for some of our other events. We want to spend the time getting to know people who do not know Jesus and may consider Grace their church one day.

YOU CAN HELP by volunteering to help Set Up, Serve or Clean Up. Please call the church office (623-6633) to let us know how you'll help or jot your name on the signup sheets in the Fellowship Hall or on the welcome table at Grace-Vail. All Grace members are asked to bring a side dish and dessert to share.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PERFORM for the Talent Show, please check out the information and application sheets which are available in the Fellowship Hall or on the Grace website (www.gracetucsonwels.com)—just sign in as a member to access these documents.

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