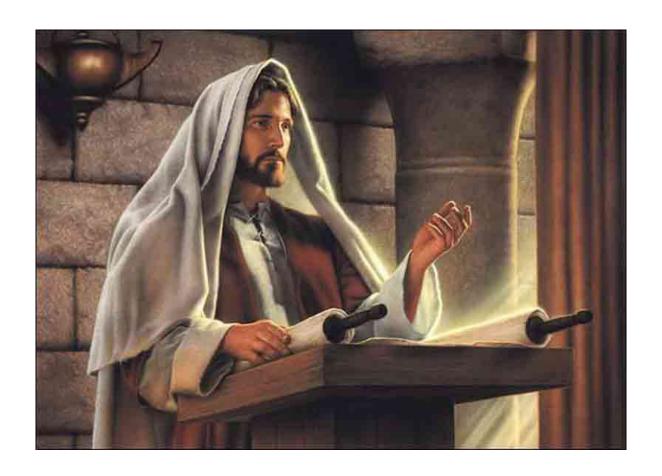
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



Grace Lutheran Church July 15, 2012



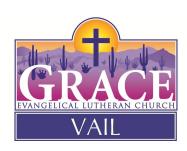


830 N. First Ave Tucson, AZ 85719

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

Lord Jesus, you bring light to those who dwell in darkness and make your love known to them. Enter not into judgment with your servants, but strengthen us in the saving faith and guide us into the land of perfect peace where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever. 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

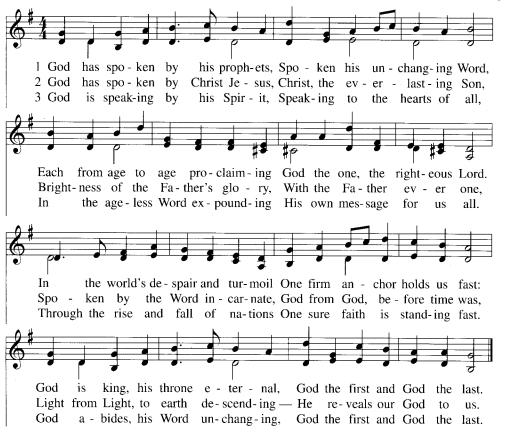
Christian Worship

WELCOME

HYMN

God Has Spoken by His Prophets

Christian Worship #281



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.

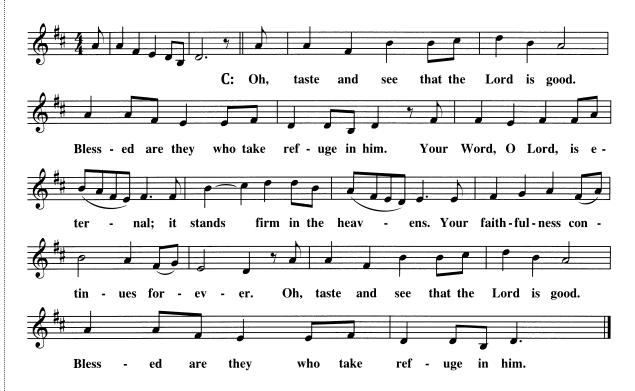
We come before the true God only because of his mercy and not because we deserve to come. We confess our unworthiness and rejoice to hear the assurance of forgiveness. God promises forgiveness of sins in his Word. As repentant sinners, we are assured of this forgiveness by the pastor, with the same certainty 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.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



WE READ FROM SCRIPTURE

FIRST LESSON **Ezekiel 2:1-3:4**

He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you." As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. He said: "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their fathers have been in revolt against me to this very day. The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says.' And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious house—they will know that a prophet has been among them. And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them or their words. Do not be afraid, though briers and thorns are all around you and vou live among scorpions. Do not be afraid of what they say or terrified by them, though they are a rebellious house.

You must speak my words to them. whether they listen or fail to listen, for they are rebellious. But you, son of man, listen to what I say to you. Do not rebel like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you." Then I looked, and I saw a hand stretched out to me. In it was a scroll, which he unrolled before me. On both sides of it were written words of lament and mourning and woe. And he said to me, "Son of man, eat what is before you, eat this scroll; then go and speak to the house of Israel." So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. Then he said to me, "Son of man, eat this scroll I am giving you and fill your stomach with it." So I ate it, and it tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth. He then said to me: "Son of man, go now to the house of Israel and speak my words to them.

"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 vou who believe." -1 Thessalonians 2:13

PSALM 143

M: O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;

in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief. C:

Do not bring your servant into judgment, M:

for no one living is righteous before you. C:

M: My spirit grows faint within me;

my heart within me is dismayed. C:

M: Answer me quickly, O LORD;

do not hide your face from me. C:

M: Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,

for I have put my trust in you. C:

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; M:

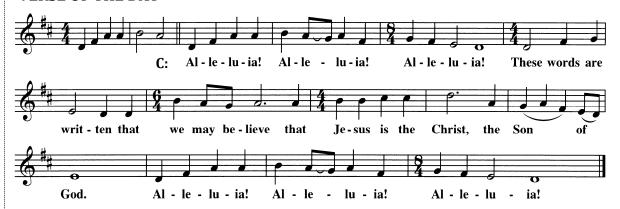
C: may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

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.

You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, patience. faith. love. endurance. persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because vou know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is Godbreathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in

righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry."

VERSE OF THE DAY



STAND

The congregation stands and sings a song of Jesus le

King.

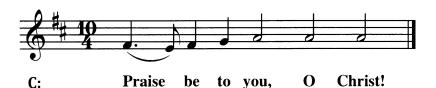
Mark 6:1-6

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles! Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and

Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor." He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. And he was amazed at their lack of faith. Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village.

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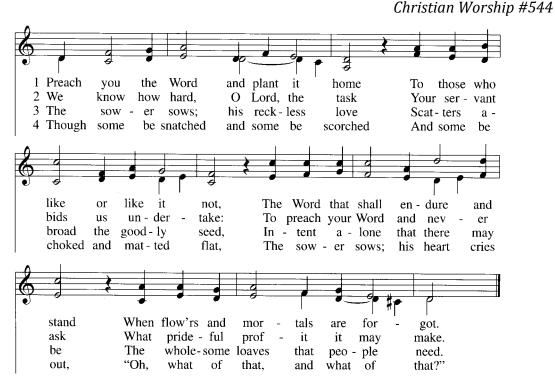
the words of Christ, our



BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

Preach You the Word



5 Preach you the Word and plant it home And never faint; the Harvest-Lord Who gave the sower seed to sow Will watch and tend his planted Word.

SERMON

Mark 6:1-6 Are We Offended by Jesus?

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.

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

Silent prayer.

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

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

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)

How Firm a Foundation

Christian Worship Supplement #768

STAND

M: 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

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.



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).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

I Hear the Savior Calling Koiné Version (CW #560)

- I hear the Savior calling!
 The gospel comes to me.
 My eyes once closed in blindness
 Are opened now to see
 That I myself was helpless
 To live eternally,
 But, dying, Christ did save me,
 And now he calls for me!
- 2 I hear the Savior calling!
 He leads a soul to me,
 A soul in bitter anguish,
 One needing to be free.
 The gift I have to offer
 Is Christ, my Lord's decree
 That all have been forgiven—
 My Savior calls for me!
- I hear the Savior calling!
 He gives this charge to me:
 To serve the best I'm able,
 Whate'er the call may be.
 Thus hand in hand with others
 Who share the gospel key
 We spread the gospel tidings—
 My Savior calls for me!
- 4 I hear the Savior calling!
 He changes hearts for me.
 From door to door I witness
 To share my Savior's plea;
 Yet nothing can be added,
 No word on bended knee,
 Beyond the simple gospel—
 My Savior calls for me!
- 5 I hear the Savior calling!
 His call has urgency!
 Each moment souls are dying;
 Soon comes eternity.
 And so, my precious Savior,
 This is my humble plea:
 Prepare me for my mission
 For you are calling me!

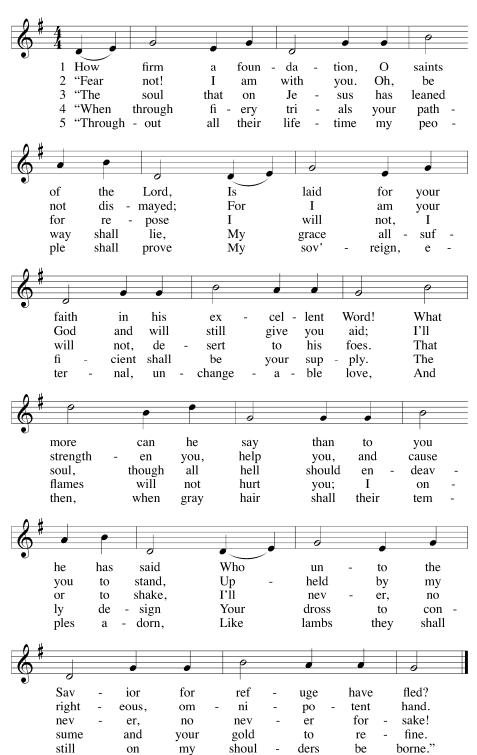
POSTLUDE

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leader	Pastor Colin Rieke
Accompanist	Amanda Schulz
Sound Technician	Iason Watson



How Firm a Foundation



The beloved words of this hymn are wed to its traditional American melody.

Text: A Selection of Hymns, London, 1787, alt.
Tune: FOUNDATION (11 11 11 11) Traditional American melody; Caldwell's Union Harmony, 1837.

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Service

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Grace-Vail Announcements and Upcoming Events

Read Ahead for Next Sunday:

Amos 7:10-17 1 Timothy 3:1-7 Mark 6:7-13

You are invited

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. We invite 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.

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.

Vacation Bible School at Grace-Vail

Get in the time machine and travel back to Jerusalem and other biblical sites at our "Back to Jerusalem" Vacation Bible School! We'll learn that God's message about his love for us never changes. There will be devotions, songs and crafts to reinforce the lessons. So gather up your children, nieces, nephews and friends in the neighborhood and bring them to Cottonwood Elementary for time-travel fun! VBS is July 28 from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM.



Get the Word Out About VBS!

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



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Grace-University Announcements and Upcoming Events

Baptism

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

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.

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 Grace-University courtyard. Please pick yours up today. Pastor Rieke will have the statements for the Grace-Vail members. 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.

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 (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.

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

O-Z Dessert

This Week at Grace (7/15/12 - 7/22/12)

Grace—University

TODAY

Grace—Vail

Worship Services/Communion
Monday Memorial Service for Arlo Cook11:00a
Tuesday Council Meeting6:15p
Wednesday Midweek Bible Studies: Church History
Thursday Women's Bible Study: <i>Genesis</i>
Worship Services

IODA	
Member Feedback Meeti	ng9:00a
	10:00a

"Meet & Greet" Fellowship.....after worship

Monday

TODAY

Bible Study at Del Lago Golf Club: Book of Acts......9:30a

Saturday

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

Sunday

Bible Study & Discussion	9:00a
Worship Service	10:00a
"Meet & Greet" Fellowship	after worship

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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

Lifeliners (High School Group): Bible Study......9:00a

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).

Redeemer Summer Preschool

Redeemer Lutheran Preschool is offering a Summer Session this July 23-27, 8:30 AM-12:15 PM. The cost of this one week session is \$100. All potty trained 3, 4, and 5 year olds are welcome. Send your child for an exciting week of educational activities, Bible stories, games, snacks and crafts! The theme is ice cream, so be prepared for some sweet treats too! This summer session is a great opportunity to prepare your child for a preschool atmosphere this fall! Call Redeemer for more information and to pick up a registration form (520-572-8136).

Hot Enough for Ya?

Go out for ice cream! See a movie! Purchase <u>Scrip</u> 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 Grace-University 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!



Summer Worship Series at Grace-University

"Taste & See" is our summer worship series theme. It comes from Psalm 34:8 "Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him." On Sundays this summer at Grace-University, we are considering different Bible accounts where food is an important part of the story and discover biblical truths and applications for our lives as God's people.

Church and Facility Security at Grace-University

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