Reformation Sunday First Sunday of End Time



Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church November 4, 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.

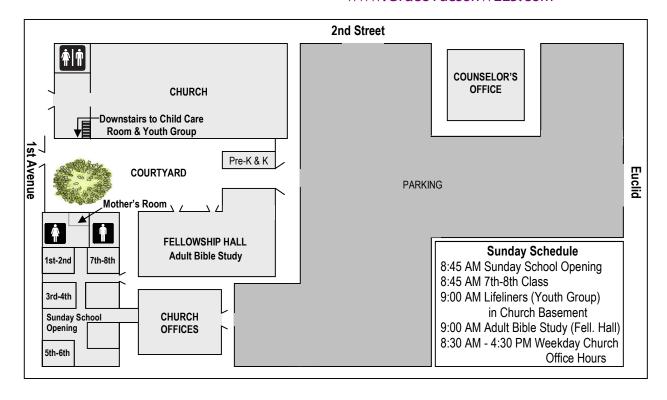
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



DIVINE SERVICE I

Christian Worship Supplement

WELCOME

HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Christian Worship #201

Please stand

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

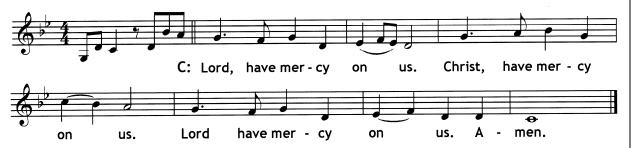
Congregation: Amen.

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—
By Faith
Arr. by James
Koerts

10:00 AM— The Church's One Foundation Arr. by Larry Shackley By Samuel Sebastian Wesley

A Mighty Fortress Played by the Brass Ensemble & Timpani

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."

GLORY TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction:



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Daniel 3:16-28

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied tο the king, Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve vour gods or worship the image of gold up." v o u have set Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. The king's command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the

blazing furnace. Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?" They replied, "Certainly, O king." He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods." Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them. Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. (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.

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WORSHIP CHOIR (10:00 AM)

Thy Word

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me. And nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end.

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, I will still give thee aid. I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

I will not forget Your love for me, and yet my heart forever is wandering. Jesus, be my guide, and hold me to Your side; and I will love You to the end.

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 14:6,7

Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice,

"Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water." (NIV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 8:31,32

M: Alleluia. If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia.

Please stand

The congregation stands out of respect for the words of Christ our King. GOSPEL Mark 13:5-11

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains. "You must be on your guard. You will be handed

over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit. (NIV)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word Christian Worship #204

SERMON

Revelation 14:6,7 The Angel with the Gospel

Please stand

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.

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



Please be seated



If you prefer, use your smart phone to give online by scanning this QR code.

Clarinet: Missy Wiechmann

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!

OFFERTORY MUSIC

(7:45 AM)

The Church's One Foundation

Arr. by Victor Labenske

(10:00 AM)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God By Christina Shehi

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER BY PROFESSION OF FAITH Taylor Turnidge

Minister: Dear members of Grace, Taylor Turnidge, has recently joined our congregation by Profession of Faith. This means that he has been baptized and previously confirmed in a Lutheran church, finds himself in agreement with our teaching, and desires to be part of the family here at Grace.

M: Taylor, so that the believers here might receive you in Christian love and so that you might have the opportunity to declare your faith and express your desire to join the church family here at Grace, I, in the name of this congregation, ask you to lift up your heart and joyfully answer these questions:

M: Do you desire to be a member here at Grace Lutheran Church.

New Member: I do.

M: Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

NM: I do.

M: Do you believe that the teaching of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran

Synod and this congregation is faithful and true to the Word of God?

NM: I do.

M: Do you intend to grow in grace, strengthening your Christian faith through

regular worship, reception of the sacrament and study of God's Word?

NM: I do.

M: Will you support with your prayers, time, talents and offerings the work our Lord has given to this congregation? If so, answer: I will, and I ask God to

help me.

NM: I will, and I ask God to help me.

M: Having heard your promises, we, the members of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, receive you in fellowship and love, and invite you to share in our worship and mission, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The pastor addresses the congregation:

M: Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Hearing this confession of faith and these promises, are you willing to receive Taylor Turnidge with Christian love into the family of believers here at Grace? Are you willing to befriend, encourage, support and pray for him as Christ commands?

Congregation: Yes, as God gives me strength.

PRAYER

M: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, author and perfecter of our faith, in mercy you joined Taylor to your Church when he was born again of water and the Spirit. In mercy you taught him your saving truth. Grant that he may continue to offer himself as a living sacrifice to you as his spiritual act of worship. Help us live in love and harmony with one another and work together in serving you. Keep us united in your Spirit, and bring us at last to your eternal kingdom, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: Taylor, we welcome you to the family at Grace. Go in peace.

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH—REFORMATION

M: Almighty and eternal God, when the time had fully come, you sent your Son to take our place under the demands of the law and to endure the just punishment for our sins. For our sake you accepted his sacrifice on the cross and raised him from death to glorious splendor.

C: Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

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."

- M: When the time had fully come, you bestowed your Spirit on your people as a testimony that you had called them to proclaim the gospel to every creature. Equipped and encouraged, they carried the Word of Salvation into all the world.
- C: The Lord reigns. Let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.
- M: When the time had fully come, you raised up your servant Martin Luther to restore the pure and right teaching of the Scriptures to a troubled Church. You renewed your people with the light of your love, and your holy church grew and prospered throughout the world.
- C: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
- M: When the time had fully come, you made our forefathers bold to take their stand on the truth of your Word. You have blessed their sons and daughters and have enabled us to preserve and proclaim the saving gospel.
- C: Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.
- M: Let this be a time, O Lord, when you renew us again by Word and sacrament, when you reform our hearts and minds, and when you restore to us the joy of fellowship and service. Grant to us in this age and in this place the courage of the apostles, the steadfastness of the reformers, and the dedication of those who have gone before us.
- C: May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers; may he never leave us nor forsake us.
- M: May this be a time, O Lord, for confession and repentance. Forgive us for the apathy that harms our faith and hinders our works. Forgive us for boasting of our past achievements and for blaming others for our present problems. Rid us of indifference to public worship and Bible study. Destroy the distrust that plagues us, and shatter every thought and word that harms the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace.
- C: Create in us pure hearts, O God, and renew steadfast spirits within us.
- M: Let this be a time, O Lord, when we recommit and reconsecrate ourselves to the ministry of the gospel. Let us find joy in our unity, zeal for our work, and success in our labor.
- C: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us, that his ways may be known on earth, his salvation among all nations. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

- C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.
- 7:45 AM Please continue on page 10 with the Words of Institution.

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.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

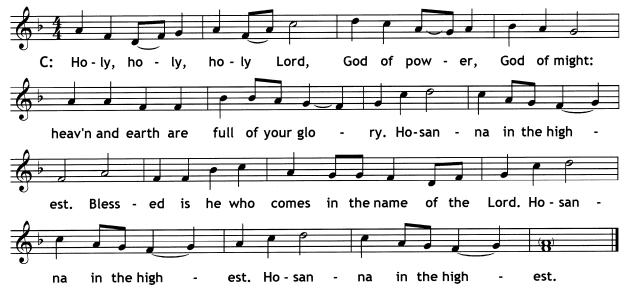
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who preserves his Church to the end of time when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Sanctus

Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction:



This ancient
worship song is
based on songs of
praise recorded in
Isaiah 6 and Psalm
118.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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

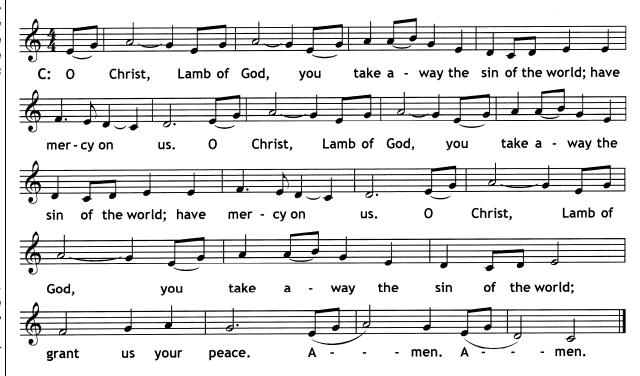
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

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.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD Agnus Dei

Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction:



Please be seated

We provide glutenfree communion wafers for those with wheat allergy, gluten-sensitivity or celiac disease. These wafers are stored and handled separately to avoid crosscontamination. They are "bread" as Scripture requires and are consecrated along with the rest of the bread. For those requiring gluten-free wafers, please take one from the container on the stand located at the front rail as you approach for communion. Simply hold it so that the pastor can see it at the time of

Grape juice is available for those who for health or medical reason require it instead of wine. Please speak with a pastor about providing grape juice for you on future Sundays.

distribution.

DISTRIBUTION

The Bible teaches that the Lord's Supper is a unique communion of Christ and the individual believer as well as a coming together of people who hold to the same beliefs. Because of these Scriptural truths, we practice **Member Communion** at Grace. Those who are confirmed members of Wisconsin Synod congregations (WELS) are invited to receive the Lord's Supper with us.

If you are not a WELS member but have an interest in receiving Holy Communion, please speak with one of our pastors after church today or at another time. We are aware that there are a number of other teachings about Holy Communion, and we want it to be a blessing for you, so we would look forward to sharing with you what God says about this Sacrament.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (10:00 AM)

Salvation unto Us Has Come Christian Worship #390

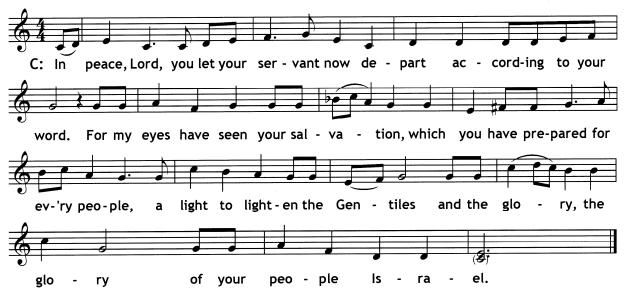
Please stand

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction:



M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of 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

WORSHIP CHOIR (10:00 AM)

Go in the Grace of the Lord Words & Music by James Barnard

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

We Have a Sure Prophetic Word Christian Worship #291 **POSTLUDE:**

7:45 AM—
Built on the Rock
Arr. by Larry
Shackley

10:00 AM— Ancient Words By Lynn DeShazo

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Grace is one congregation at TWO places!

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



This Week at Grace • Nov 4-Nov 11

*Unless otherwise noted, calendar events take place at Grace-University. Grace-Vail events are shown in red.

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TODAY REFORMATION SUNDAY Worship Services/Communion
• The Life of Christ: Jesus' Miracles (Fellowship Hall)9:00a Grace-Vail Bible Study at Cottonwood Elementary9:00a
Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem9:00a
Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary 10:00a
Reformation Rehearsal2:00p
Area Reformation Service at Grace3:00p
NO WELS Tucson Campus Ministry
Monday
Bible Study at Vail Golf Club: Book of Acts9:30a
English as a Second Language Classes6:30p
Tuesday
Handbell Practice5:30p
English as a Second Language Classes6:30p
Wednesday
Grace Extension Meeting9:00a
Midweek Bible Study: Church History10:00a
Wind Ensemble5:00p
Midweek Bible Study: Church History7:00p

Bible Study at the Prigges: Book of Hebrews......7:00p

Thursday	
Women's Bible Study: Genesis	9:00a
Worship Choir6	5:30p
Financial Peace University in Vail	7:00p
Grow in Grace Class (Conference Room in Office)	
Friday	
Roast Beef Dinner & Book Fair 4:30-6	6:00p
Saturday	
Vail Country Fair9:00a-6	6:00p
Sunday	
Worship Services7:45 & 10	0:00a
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	
Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary 10	0:00a
WELS TCM Bible Study: Crazy Things Luther Said	7:00p

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TODAY

For Our Guests

If you are visiting Grace today, we are happy that you joined us for Worship. Please help yourself to a Guest Packet as you leave this morning. You'll find them in the church entryway.

Holy Communion

There are before-communion and after-communion prayers in our Christian Worship hymnal on p. 11, and a personal preparation guide on p.156 to help prepare you to receive the Lord's Supper. If you are a guest with us today, please see p. 11 in today's worship folder under "Distribution" for information about our practice of Member Communion.

New Member

Taylor Turnidge will become a member of Grace through Profession of Faith this morning during 10:00 AM worship. We welcome him to Grace and ask God's blessings on him!

Those Assisting in Worship This Morning

Preacher: Pastor Sam Clemons, **Worship Leader:** Pastor Nathan Kassulke, **Communion Assistants:** Pastor Ron Koehler & Outreach Elder Jeff Weinstein, **Accompanists:** Kathy Parra (7:45 AM) & Teri Guenther (10:00 AM), **Brass Ensemble Director:** Missy Wiechmann, **Sound & Recording Tech:** Jeff Weinstein

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Greg & Karen Grorud to the glory of God and in loving memory of August Lehet.

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 Patty Gelabert. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

> Malachi 4:1-3 Hebrews 9:24-28 John 5:19-30

Sermon Text & Theme

John 5:19-30 Honor the Son

Area Reformation Service this Afternoon

Please join the WELS churches of Tucson/Vail/Marana for the Area Reformation Service, celebrating the unity that we have in Christ and his Word. The service will be held here at Grace-University TODAY at 3:00 PM. Our Reformation preacher is retired pastor and professor Joel Gerlach, who formerly served Grace and now lives in Milwaukee, WI. A dessert fellowship will be provided following worship. We hope you will join us! For those of you involved in the service, there will be a rehearsal at 2:00 PM this afternoon.

Roast Beef Dinner and Book Fair—This Friday, November 9

We will have our annual Roast Beef Dinner this Friday, November 9 from 4:30-6:00 PM in the Grace Fellowship Hall. This year we'll also be having a book fair along with the dinner. Books from Northwestern Publishing House (WELS) will be displayed. Order for yourself, for a friend or do a little Christmas shopping!



We definitely will need help with cooking, serving and clean-up. Sign-up sheets are available in the Fellowship Hall and on the worship table at Grace-Vail if you'd like to help or can bring a pie.

Vail Country Fair

The Vail Country Fair is happening this Saturday, November 10 at the Pima County Fairgrounds from 9:00 AM-6:00 PM. Grace will have a table set up there, which includes a Kids Corner! This is a great way to share information about our church and also a way to share the love of Christ. All are welcome to come and join us!



New Men's Group

The first meeting of GRACE IRON MEN will be on Monday, November 12 at 6:00 PM in the Grace Fellowship Hall. Men 21 years of age and older are invited to participate in this first gathering, GRIDIRON MONDAY. Meet with your brothers in Christ for Monday Night Football and Pizza. \$5 to help with costs would be very much appreciated. GRACE IRON MEN will offer new opportunities for study, encouragement and fellowship throughout the year.

Installation Service

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 on Sunday, November 25 at 3:00 PM. You are invited to attend this service, to join in thanking God and to pray for his blessing on Pastor Mueller's ministry at Redeemer. We are also thankful for the faithful service of retired pastor John Sullivan, who has served as Redeemer's vacancy pastor since January.

Donations Needed

On November 15, a trip will be made to take donated items to our Apache believers in San Carlos, Peridot, and Bylas. Please consider donating your gently used clothing (all ages, coats too), toys, children's books, and Basha's and Walmart Scrip cards. We want to fill the trailer! Call Russ & Sandy Weir (795-0062), Bill & Dorothy Rauh (296-8840), Cinda Drescher or Geri DeRosa (615-6059) if you have questions or need help unloading your donations.

Thank You From Pastor Clemons

I would like to convey my sincere gratitude to the Grace congregation for the celebration of my 25th anniversary in the ministry. Not only was I totally surprised by the event, I was also truly moved by the genuine outpouring of sentiment. Thank you for your beautiful and thoughtful cards, for your kind words and for your generous gifts. My call to serve the Grace congregation is truly a blessing from the Lord. For this I am grateful to him as I remain grateful to you.

Upcoming Thanksgiving Worship Services

You are invited to a special <u>Thanksgiving Eve</u> worship service on Wednesday, November 21 at 7:00 PM at Grace-University. This is a perfect opportunity to invite a friend or family member to attend. Following worship, there will be a dessert fellowship in the Fellowship Hall and courtyard. Members are asked to bring a pie or dessert. Sign-up sheets will be available soon.

Grace-Vail will also be holding a special <u>Thanksgiving Day</u> service on Thursday, November 22 at 10:00 AM at Cottonwood Elementary (9950 E. Rees Loop). If you haven't been out to our second site, Thanksgiving morning might be the perfect opportunity to try it out and invite your friends and family members.

You will find business card sized invitations for our Thanksgiving services at the exits, in the Fellowship Hall, and on the Grace-Vail welcome table.