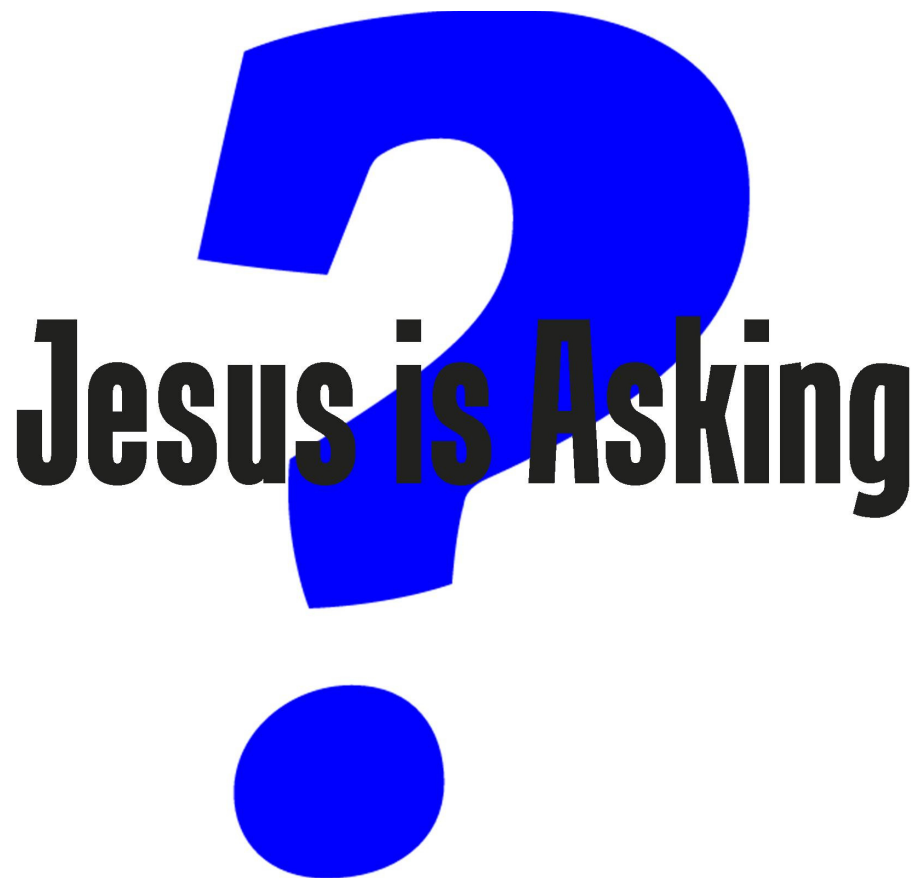


Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



"What did you go out into the desert to see?"

Grace Lutheran Church
August 11, 2013





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.

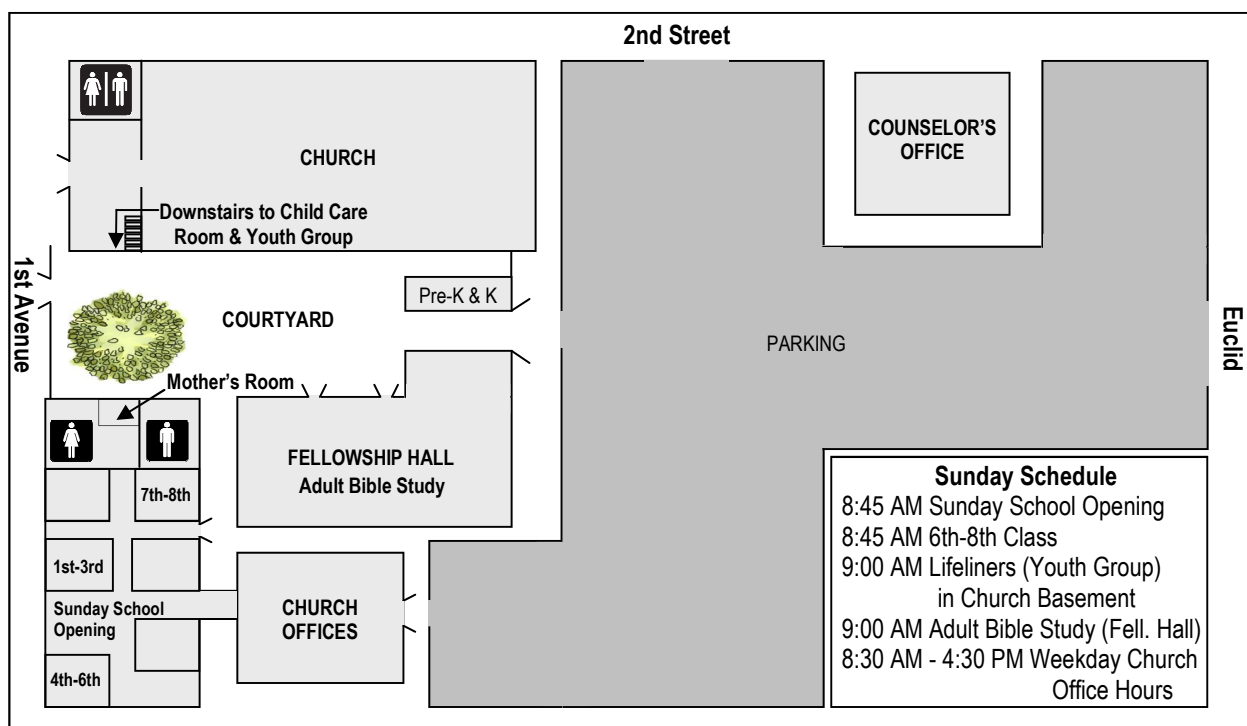
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

Large print hymn sheets 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. CDs of the entire worship service will be made upon request from the sound technician in the balcony. It only takes a few minutes to copy. You may also find sermons and services in print, audio and video on our website: www.GraceTucsonWELS.com



SERVICE OF THE WORD

Christian Worship

WELCOME

HYMN

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now
Christian Worship #230

Please stand

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.

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



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith-ful-ness con -



tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM—

Blessed Assurance

Arr. by Victor

Labenske

In response to God's mercy and forgiveness, Christians praise God and proclaim his goodness. This song is comprised of two Bible passages: Psalm 34:8 and Psalm 119:89.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 25

Refrain



Psalm Tone



1. To you, O LORD, I lift / up my soul;* in you I trust, / O my God.
2. Remember, O LORD, your great mer- / cy and love,* for they are / from of old.
3. Remember not the sins of my youth and my re- / bellious ways;* according to your love remember me, for you are / good, O LORD.

Refrain

4. Turn to me and be gra- / cious to me,* for I am lonely and af- / flicted.
5. Look upon my affliction and / my distress* and take away / all my sins.
6. Guard my life and / rescue me,* for I take ref- / uge in you.
7. Glory be to the Father and / to the Son* and to the Holy / Spirit. as it was in the be- / ginning,* is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

Refrain

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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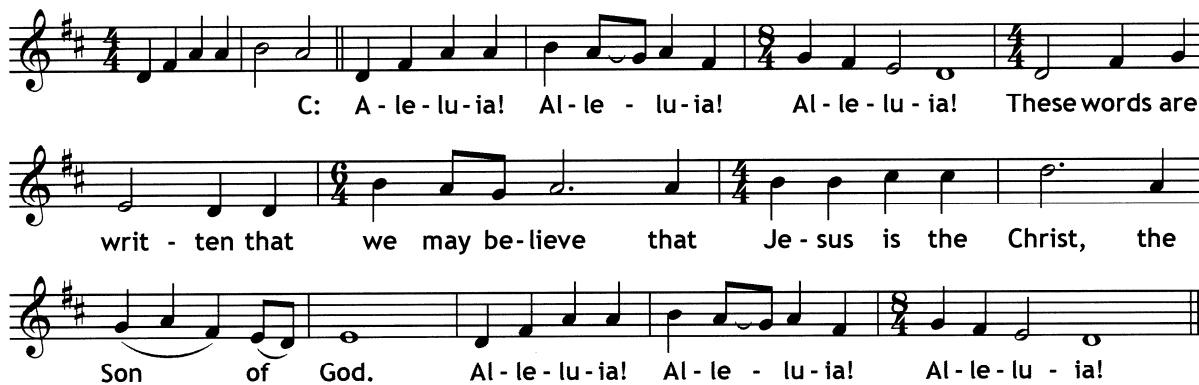
SECOND LESSON

2 Peter 1:16-21 (NIV)

We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. And we have

the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

VERSE OF THE DAY



C: A - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! These words are
writ - ten that we may be - lieve that Je - sus is the Christ, the
Son of God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Verse of the Day is a familiar or significant Scripture text framed with alleluias.

Please stand

GOSPEL

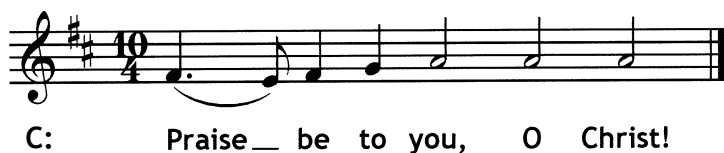
Matthew 11:7-10 (NIV)

As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in

kings' palaces. Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: 'I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'"

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

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise__ be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, My Savior Blest
Christian Worship #362

SERMON

Matthew 11:7-10
Trusting God's Word for the Future

Please stand

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

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.

Please be seated



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OFFERTORY MUSIC:

7:45 AM-
*O God, Our Help in
Ages Past*
Arr. by Hal Leonard

OFFERING

Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation's work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God's kingdom.

Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the row and pass it along. Thank You!

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord of power and grace, whose eyes are on the righteous and whose ears are open to their cry, hear the prayer of your people as we come now in thankfulness for the mercies that you pour down on us anew each day.

We thank you for the gifts of your mighty providence. Make us mindful, O Lord, that you have provided us with life, breath, and being and are the source of our daily bread.

We praise you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be the Savior of the world. Grant that we may believe in him with all our hearts, learning from him the great truths of the kingdom to which he bore faithful witness.

Grant us your Holy Spirit, that we may produce the fruits of righteousness. May he endow us with unwavering faith, that we might always be ready to do your will.

We pray for the nations of the earth. Subdue terror and tyranny everywhere, and call forth leaders who acknowledge that you are Lord over all the earth. Bless our own land. May it ever follow that which is good and turn from all that which is wicked, that our people may prosper in uprightness and integrity.

Hear, O Lord, our cry for those who are afflicted. Grant them health in body and soul, and save them for your mercy's sake.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Guide and uphold us during our pilgrimage in this world, and bring us all to our heavenly home. Receive these petitions in the name of the Prince of life, Jesus our Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Please be seated

HYMN

How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts
Christian Worship #509

Please stand

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.

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, 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

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 upon you and be gracious to you.

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



Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE:

7:45 AM-
When Peace Like a
River
CWS #760

CLOSING HYMN

God Has Spoken by His Prophets
Christian Worship #281

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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Worship Leader Pastor Ron Koehler (10:00 AM)
Accompanists Kathy Parra (7:45 AM)
Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Ushers Vic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)
Mark Christianson, Jon Dongoske, Danny Koehler (10:00 AM)
Taylor Parra, Rick Street (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech Chris Stuhr (10:00 AM)
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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 • Aug 11-Aug 18

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

TODAY

Worship Services 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services
Children's Sunday School 8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class 8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study* 9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• *Boy Pioneer Presentation* 9:00a
Grace-Vail Bible Study Cottonwood Elem: Exodus 9:00a
Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem. 9:00a
Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary 10:00a

Monday

Bible Study at Vail Golf Club: Book of Acts 9:30a

Wednesday

Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* 10:00a
Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* 7:00p
Grow in Grace Bible Study at the Prigge's 7:00p

Thursday

NO Women's Bible Study
NO Grow in Grace Class
Grace-Vail Grow in Grace Class at Barb Kiepke's 6:30p

Saturday

Women of Grace Outing at *Something Sweet* 1:00p

Sunday

Worship Services/Communion 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services
Children's Sunday School 8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class 8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study* 9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• *Jeff Weinstein: Synod Convention Presentation* 9:00a
Grace-Vail: Future Planning Meeting 9:00a
Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem. 9:00a
Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary 10:00a

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For Our Guests

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

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Tom & Deb Sloyan in thanks to God for all of their blessings.

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 the Guenther and Koehler families as a farewell for Tyler Koehler who leaves for Wisconsin Lutheran College tomorrow. May God bless your efforts on the football field and in the classroom. We will miss you!

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Psalm 67
1 Corinthians 9:19-22
Mark 4:21-23

Sermon Text & Theme

Mark 4:21-23
Jesus Revealed as the World's Light

Women's Sweet Retreat!

The **Women of Grace Sweet Retreat** is this Saturday, August 17 at 1:00 PM. This event will be at **Something Sweet** located at 5319 E. Speedway Blvd. *Something Sweet* has a huge menu of desserts as well as salads, sandwiches and soups. They also have low-carb and gluten-free desserts available. Please RSVP **TODAY** to Diane Kramm at 440-8564 or email her at pkdramm@earthlink.net if you plan to attend. You don't want to miss this enjoyable event and guests are welcome!

Memorial Service

Grace member Channing Sargent was called home to heaven Friday, July 19. Channing's memorial service will be held at Grace-University Saturday, August 24 at 11:30 AM with a light luncheon to follow.

Called Home to Heaven

John Henrikson went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, August 6. The family has planned a private graveside service.

On Friday morning, August 9, the Lord took Brian Morris to be with him in heaven. The funeral arrangements are pending.

Vail Future Planning Sundays

We're nearly a year and a half past our Grace-Vail launch in April 2012. Two upcoming Sunday meetings are available for members to learn more about the ongoing ministry at Grace-Vail, to offer suggestions, and to find out ways that you might serve. These planning meetings are scheduled for Sundays, August 18 and August 25, during the regular Bible Study hour, which begins at 9:00 AM. All are welcome to attend and to stick around for the Grace-Vail worship service that follows at 10:00 AM. Grace-Vail meets at Cottonwood Elementary School, 9950 E. Rees Loop.

Redeemer Lutheran School Opening Service

Our WELS elementary school here in Tucson, Redeemer Lutheran, will have its Opening Worship Service for the 2013-2014 school year tomorrow, August 12. This is also the first day of school. The Opening Service starts at 8:40 AM, and all are welcome to attend. This is a great opportunity to offer support and encouragement to our brothers and sisters in Christ and together to ask the Lord to bless the ministry of Redeemer Lutheran School.

ALA Opening Service

Arizona Lutheran Academy is our WELS high school in the Phoenix area. Four Grace members are attending ALA for the upcoming school year. The school year will begin with an opening service tomorrow, August 12, at 9:00 AM. Visitors are welcome to attend (6036 S. 27th Ave). The theme for the new school year is "Joy in the Journey" and is based on Philippians 1:3-6.

English as a Second Language Teacher Needed!

English as a Second Language classes will begin their 14th year on September 16. They are in need of one new teacher to teach Level 1 and someone to prepare snacks on Tuesday evenings. Many of the students come directly from school or work. For more information, please call Betty Hauser at 795-3311.

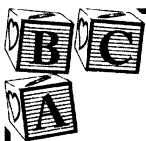
Worship Choir!

Have you ever thought about the church choir and who sings in it? Or who SHOULD sing in it? You may have asked yourself, could I do it? Do I have to read music? Do I have to sing alone? Do I have to have past experience singing with a group? Well, yes, no, only if you want, and no. The bible says, *"Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!"* (Psalm 105:2). It's that simple! C'mon, give it a try! You might like it!

Maybe these guidelines to singing in a church choir might help :

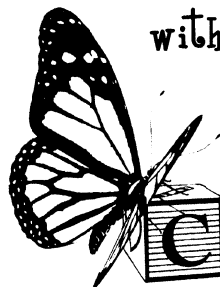
- Everyone should sing the same piece.
- Take your time turning pages.
- Do not worry if you do not have perfect pitch - you may find singing less stressful without it!
- The right note at the wrong time is the wrong note.
- The wrong note at the right time is still a wrong note.
- A wrong note sung timidly is still a wrong note.
- A wrong note sung with authority is an interpretation.
- A true interpretation is realized when not one note of the original remains.
- If you happen to sing a wrong note, give a nasty look to one of your neighbors.
- If everyone gets lost except you, follow those who get lost.
- If you are completely lost, stop everyone and start an argument about repeat marks.
- If a passage is difficult, slow it down. If it is easy, speed it up. Everything will work itself out in the end.
- Markings for slurs, dynamics, ornaments and breathing should be ignored. They are only there to embellish the score.
- When everyone else has finished singing, you should not sing any notes you may still have left.

The first practice is Thursday September 12 at 6:30 PM. Come join us! If you have any questions or would like more information contact Teri Guenther at 520-235-1177 or Teriquen@msn.com.



Dear children, let us not love
with words or tongue but with
actions and in truth.

1 John 3: 18



CHANGE

The Change for Life program is here!

FOR

LIFE

Our congregation is participating in the *Change for Life* program to support the ministry of *New Beginnings – A Home for Mothers*. Since 1993, *New Beginnings* has provided a place for a single mother and her child to live, learn to care for her child, and, most importantly, learn about God and the salvation He provides in Jesus.

Look for the *Change for Life* display on

September 15 in the Grace-University courtyard.

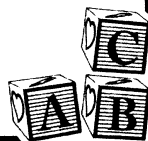
Pick up your baby bottle or coin box and fill it with the change you accumulate on a daily basis. On **October 27** return the filled box or bottle to church where the money will be collected and sent to support *New Beginnings*. Your donation will make a big difference in the lives of moms and children at *New Beginnings*!



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that you are supporting:

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Scholarship Available

Grace offers a scholarship to our active member families to have their children attend Redeemer Lutheran School (K-8) here in Tucson and Arizona Lutheran Academy, our area Lutheran High School in Phoenix. For the 2013-2014 school year, the amount of the scholarship is \$1000. Parents interested in sending their children to these schools are invited to speak to Pastor Kassulke for more information and to apply for this scholarship.

These scholarships for attending Lutheran schools are supported by our Christian Education Fund. If you would like to make a special gift in support of Lutheran Education, please note on your offering envelope the amount designated to "Christian Education Fund." Speak to any of the pastors if you have questions.

NO Women's Bible Study

The Thursday morning Women's Bible Study is cancelled this week as Pastor Koehler will be out of town. Class will resume Thursday, August 22 at 9:00 AM.

WELS Tucson Campus Ministry

College students, mark your calendars for the WELS TCM Welcome Back Party on August 25 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).

The TCM semester schedule is available for pick-up at both entrances of church.

