Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



Forgiveness & Rejoicing

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church September 15, 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.

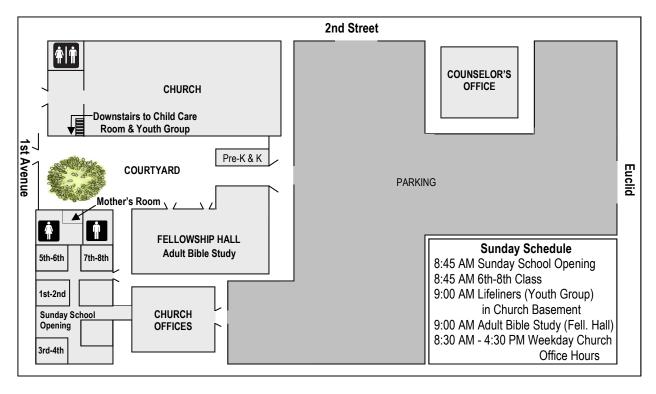
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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 WORD AND SACRAMENT

Christian Worship

WELCOME

HYMN

Today Your Mercy Calls Us Christian Worship #339 st. 1-2

10:00 AM-

To God the Anthem

7:45 AM-

Labenske

Raising Arr. by Valerie A.

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

Jesus Paid It All Arr. by Victor

Floeter

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: 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.
- 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.



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."

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.



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.



Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

The LORD said to me, "Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another and is an adulteress. Love her as the LORD loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes." So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and about a homer and a lethek of barley. Then I told her, "You are to live with me many days; you must not

be a prostitute or be intimate with any man, and I will live with you." For the Israelites will live many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred stones, without ephod or idol. Afterward the Israelites will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the LORD and to his blessings in the last days.

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.

SECOND LESSON

If anyone has caused grief, he has not so much grieved me as he has grieved all of you, to some extent—not to put it too severely. The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient for him. Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for

2 Corinthians 2:5-11 (NIV)

Hosea 3:1-5 (NIV)

him. The reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything. If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

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



Please stand

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

GOSPEL

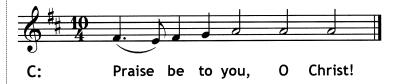
Now the tax collectors and "sinners" were all gathering around to hear him. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Then Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I

Luke 15:1-10 (NIV)

that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninetynine righteous persons who do not need to repent. Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

have found my lost sheep.' I tell you



Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

When Sinners See Their Lost Condition Christian Worship #32 Please stand

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

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: 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.

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.



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

7:45 AM-

Energy Setting by Rebecca Kramer

10:00 AM-

Jesus Paid it All By Alex N. Fong

- 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.

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 8 with the Words of Institution.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



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.

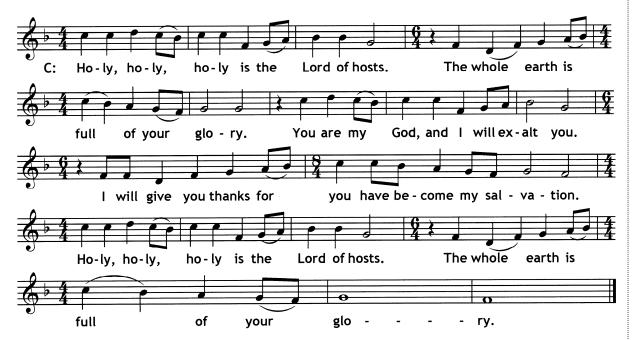
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Sanctus



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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

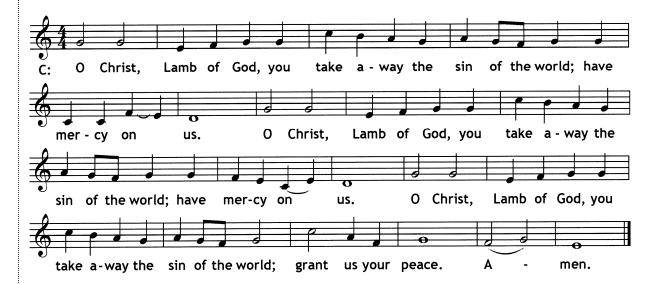
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD Agnus Dei



We provide glutenfree communion wafers for those with wheat allergy, gluten-sensitivity or celiac disease. These wafers are stored and handled separately to avoid cross-contamination. 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 distribution.

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.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

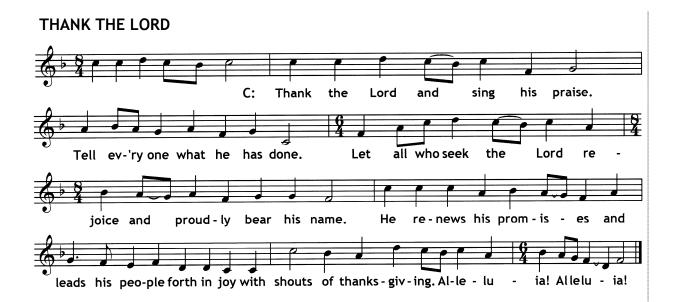
The Bible teaches that the Lord's Supper is a unique communion of Christ and the individual believer as well as a coming together of people who hold to the same beliefs. Because of these Scriptural truths, we practice **Member Communion** at Grace. Those who are confirmed members of Wisconsin Synod congregations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

Jesus Sinners Does Receive Christian Worship #304

Please stand



PRAYER

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.



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

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 POSTLUDE:

7:45 AM-

We Praise You, Oh God, Our Redeemer Arr. by Valerie Floeter

10:00 AM-

There is A Redeemer CWS #747 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CLOSING HYMN

Almighty Father, Bless the Word Christian Worship #323

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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Preacher	Pastor Ron Koehler
Worship Leader	Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Communion Assistants	SPastor Mark Hallemeyer (10:00 AM)
	Outreach Elder, Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Accompanists	Kathy Parra (7:45 AM)
	Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Clarinet	Beth Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Ushers	Vic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)
	Dave Breitkreitz, Ed Ethington, Dylan Guenther (10:00 AM)
	Ferdie Kramm, James Pauley, Josiah Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Te	ch Chris Stuhr (10:00 AM)
Altar Prep Team	Elaine Goldie, Karen Grorud, Gisela Kittel

Voters' Meeting This Tuesday

The next voters' meeting is this Tuesday, September 17 at 7:00 PM. Pastor and Council reports can be found at both exits and in the Fellowship Hall. The report keeps members informed and helps voters prepare for the meeting. There are two major items to be considered at the Voters' Meeting. First, the Church Council has recommended that Grace rent some classroom space for a children's music program. The voters will also narrow down a slate of candidates for the 2014 Church Council.

Usher Training Meeting Next Sunday

Next Sunday, September 22, there will be usher training at 9:00 AM in the front of the Sanctuary. **All ushers** are highly encouraged to attend. The focus of this meeting will be on usher procedures. Please contact Eric Hanson (269-7602), Jake Kassulke (449-7122) or Pastor Koehler (623-6633) if you have any questions.

Thank You

Sue Sargent wishes to thank the pastors, members and Women of Grace for the prayers, support, e-mails and cards during Channing's illness and following his death.



Grace is one congregation at TWO places!

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



This Week at Grace • Sept 15-Sept 22

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

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Worship Services/Communion 7:45 & 10:00a Coffee Fellowship following both services
Children's Sunday School8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): Bible Study9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• Jesus' Last Days9:00a
Grace-Vail Bible Study Cottonwood Elem: Exodus9:00a
Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem9:00a
Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary 10:00a
International Friends Reception at Grace-University 3:00p
WELS TCM Bible Study: My Plan or God's Plan?7:00p
Monday English as a Second Language Classes Begin6:30p
TuesdayPastor's Saguaro Circuit Meeting at Grace
Wednesday
Midweek Bible Study: Church History10:00a

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

Thursday

Women's Bible Study: The Narrow Lutheran Middle	9:00a
Grow in Grace Class (Office) Non-Members Only	6:30p
Grace-Vail Grow in Grace Class at Barb Kiepke's	6:30p
Worship Choir Practice	6:30p

Friday

ALA Varsity Football Pregame Meal (Fellow. Hall)	3:45p
ALA Varsity Football @ Santa Rita High School	7:00p
Boy Pioneer District Campout Near Flagstaff (Fri-Su	n)

Saturday

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Deer Valley Women's	Retreat in	Phoenix	8:30a

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Check out the GRACE WEBSITE at www.GraceTucsonWELS.com!

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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. 9 in today's worship folder under "Distribution" for information about our practice of Member Communion.

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 Christian Fellowship Group. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Change for Life Program Kicks Off Today!

Today is the day! It's the kick-off date for our *Change for Life* support program for the *New Beginnings* home for single moms and their babies in Denver, CO. *New Beginnings* provides a place for single

mothers and their children to live, learn childcare, and, most importantly, learn about God and the salvation he provides in Jesus. You may pick up a baby bottle coin bank before leaving church today and fill it with the change you accumulate on a daily basis. Our table will be in the courtyard close to the parking lot exit. Watch for continuing details about when to return your offering for this needful cause. Your donation will make a big difference in the lives of moms and children there!



—Russ Weir, Christian Fellowship Group President

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

> Genesis 14:8-24 1 Timothy 6:6-16 Luke 16:1-13

Sermon Text & Theme

Genesis 14:8-24 Blessed Be God Most High

English as a Second Language

We will begin our 13th year of our English as a Second Language program starting tomorrow, September 16 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. If you know of anyone who might be interested in participating in the program or if you would like to volunteer, please contact the church office (623-6633) or Betty Hauser (795-3311).

Handbell Choir

The Grace Handbell Choir started back up last week but all are welcome to still participate. The next practice is Tuesday, September 17 at 6:30 PM in the Grace-University basement. If you are even a little bit curious about handbells come to practice on Tuesday and check it out (you are not required to join if you show up)! If you are interested in playing, please contact Jenna Denzler at 520-981-8054 or sandchick9@comcast.net.

Worship Choir

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 19 at 6:30 PM in the Grace-University basement!



ALA football in Tucson

The Arizona Lutheran Academy Coyotes football team travels to Santa Rita High School in Tucson this Friday, September 20. The game begins at 7:00 PM. The school is located at 3951 S. Pantano Road. You are invited to join with other southern Arizona ALA fans to cheer the team on! ALA is our WELS Lutheran High School located in the Phoenix area.

Students in grades 6-8 and their families are invited to a "Get To Know ALA" event at Redeemer Lutheran School on Friday before the game, starting at 3:30 PM. Those in attendance will have a chance to win 4 tickets to the game that night.

Calendars and Coupon Books Available

The Lifeliners (our high school youth group) are conducting their annual sale of Bible Verse Calendars (\$8 each or 2 for \$15) and Entertainment Coupon Books (\$30). The Lifeliners will be available in the Courtyard on Sunday mornings for you to make your purchases. Proceeds help fund Lifeliner activities, including the 2014 WELS International Youth Rally in Tennessee next summer.

Women of Grace Reminder

Saturday, October 5, Grace is hosting the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Grand Canyon Circuit East's Fall Rally. All of you are *encouraged* to attend and help. You can bring food for the Continental Breakfast such as baked goods, fruit, yogurt, juice, etc. Kitchen help will be needed to make coffee, set out and attend food. We'll need hostesses to welcome and guide our guests (find restrooms, sanctuary, etc.,). Please, use the sign-up sheets located in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall and on the Welcome Table at Grace-Vail. WATCH FOR registration opportunities at church and Bible classes. Registration is \$10 and includes a catered lunch. The rally registration and Mission Money donation deadline is September 30. The afternoon speaker will be Pastor Colin Rieke of Grace-Vail. See the flyer in the Grace-University courtyard, your LWMS Reporter (Cindi Breitkreitz at



Grace-University & Sue Sargent at Grace-Vail) or visit www.grandcanyonlwms.org to learn more. **PLEASE**, take advantage of this convenient opportunity to learn more about our **WELS Mission work** and learn more about how WELS women support and encourages that work through the **LWMS** (Lutheran Womens' Missionary Society). **Questions?** Contact Cindi Breiktreitz (298-9758), Sue Sargent (647-3049), Teri Guenther (235-1177), or Diane Kramm (440-8564).

Church and Facility Security

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!