

# Second Sunday of Easter



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
April 7, 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.

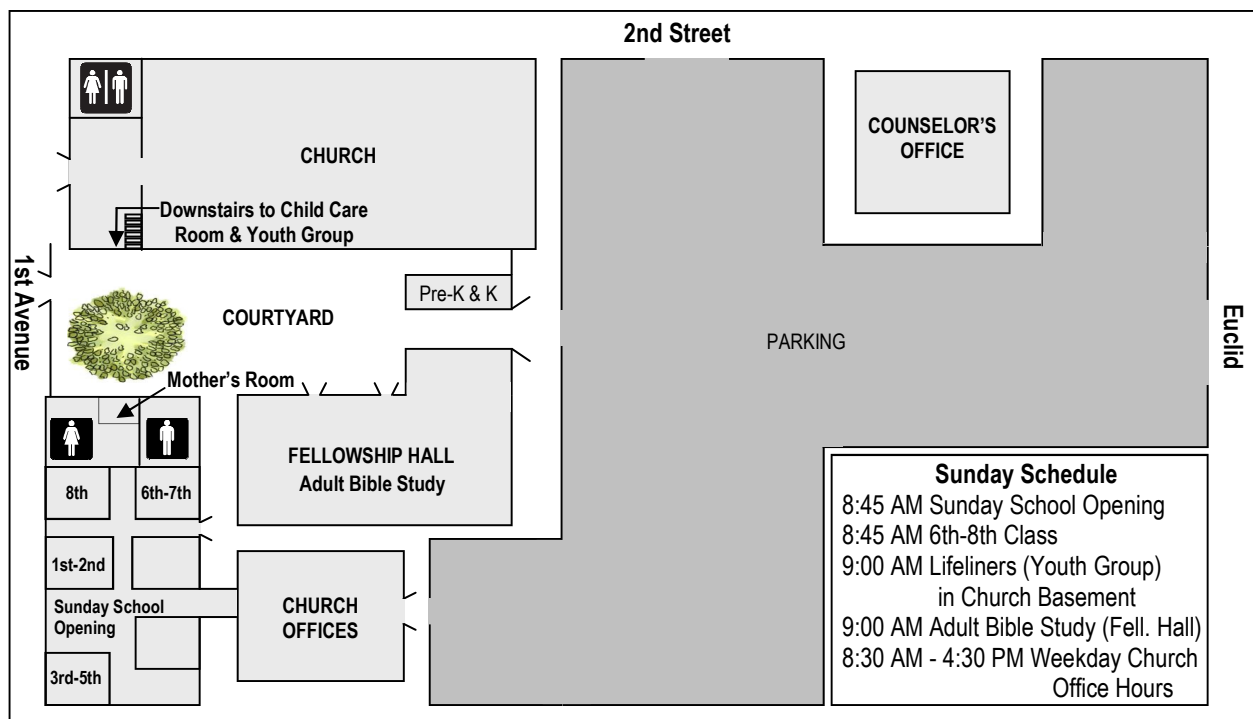
**Hymns** are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

**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](http://www.GraceTucsonWELS.com)



**DIVINE SERVICE II**  
*Christian Worship Supplement*

**WELCOME**

**HYMN**

**O Sons and Daughters of the King**  
*Christian Worship #165 st. 1-4*

*Please stand*

**INVOCATION**

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**CONFESSION**

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.  
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,  
For sins of habit and sins of choice,  
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,  
You should cast me away from your presence forever.  
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

**ABSOLUTION**

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**LORD, HAVE MERCY—Kyrie**

*Mark 10:47*

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

**PRESERVICE MUSIC:**

**7:45 AM—**  
*I Know that My Redeemer Lives, Themes and Variations*  
Setting by Anne Krentz Organ

**10:00 AM—**  
*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*  
Setting by Michael Burkhardt

*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 is the Greek word for Lord. The expression "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian Church.*

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

## GLORY BE TO GOD *Gloria in Excelsis*

Luke 2:14

*Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction.*

*(Sung to the tune of "I Know that My Redeemer Lives," Christian Worship #152)*



1. All glo - ry be to God on high! Your name, O  
2. Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring, For your great  
3. O Lamb of God, to you we pray. You take all  
4. You, Christ, are ho - ly \_\_\_\_\_ Lord a - lone; The Fa - ther's



Lord, we glo - ri - fy; We praise you for your peace and  
glo - ry, heav'n - ly King, For all, O Fa - ther, you have  
hu - man sin a - way. Have mer - cy, Lord; Re - ceive our  
glo - ry you made known. We by your Spir - it sing a -



grace, Your fav - or toward our fall - en race.  
done Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.  
prayer; From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.  
gain: "All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

## THE WORD

### SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Please be seated*

## FIRST LESSON

After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.” But Abram said, “O Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.” Then

## Genesis 15:1-6 (NIV)

the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir.” He took him outside and said, “Look up at the heavens and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

*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

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

## 2 Peter 1:16-21 (NIV)

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

## Romans 10:17

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the mes - sage is heard through the

Word of Christ. 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**

**John 20:19-31 (NIV)**

**M:** The Gospel according to John chapter twenty.

**C:** **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the

nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**O Sons and Daughters of the King**  
*Christian Worship #165 st. 5-9*

## **SERMON**

**2 Peter 1:16-21**  
**Witness the Majesty of Christ**

*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—EASTER SEASON

**M:** God of all grace, we thank you for the gift of eternal life in your Son. By the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and by the faithful testimony of the apostles, you have assured us that our faith stands on a sure and solid foundation.

Though we do not see Jesus with our physical eyes, help us see him with the eyes of faith. Through your Holy Spirit, breathe on your Church that it may faithfully proclaim the gospel of our risen Savior with courage and diligence in all lands and to all people. Grant that we also may be illumined by the heavenly light of your Word, and so keep us in the one and only true faith.

Preserve us from all assaults on our souls, deliver us from doubt and despair, and preserve us from worldly wisdom and false teaching.

Forgive the sins of your people. Strengthen the doubting and faithless. Bring back the forgetful and wayward, and comfort the anxious and the distressed.

*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—**

*Thy Word*

*By Amy Grant &  
Michael W. Smith*

**10:00 AM—**

*In Joseph's Lovely  
Garden*

*Arr. by Clarence  
Dickinson*

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

M: As we go from this holy place today, grant peace and rest to us all. We pray this in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

7:45 AM - Please continue on page 8 with the Prayer of Thanksgiving.

## 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 rose from the dead in glorious triumph to bring forgiveness to the world and everlasting life to all who believe. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

#### Sanctus

*Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction.*

*Sung to the tune of  
"The Day of  
Resurrection,"  
Christian Worship  
#166*

1. O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might,  
2. Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is he

Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In count - less ways re - cite.  
Who in God's name is com - ing To set his peo - ple free!

Ho - san - na! Come and save us, Lord God of hosts on high,  
He comes to bring sal - va - tion And with his blood out - poured,

And in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.  
De - liv - er us from bond - age Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!



## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**M:** Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.  
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.  
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.  
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**C:** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Matthew 26:26-28*

*1 Corinthians 11:24, 25*

**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."

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** Amen.

## LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*

John 1:29

C: Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us your peace. A - men.

We provide **gluten-free 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)

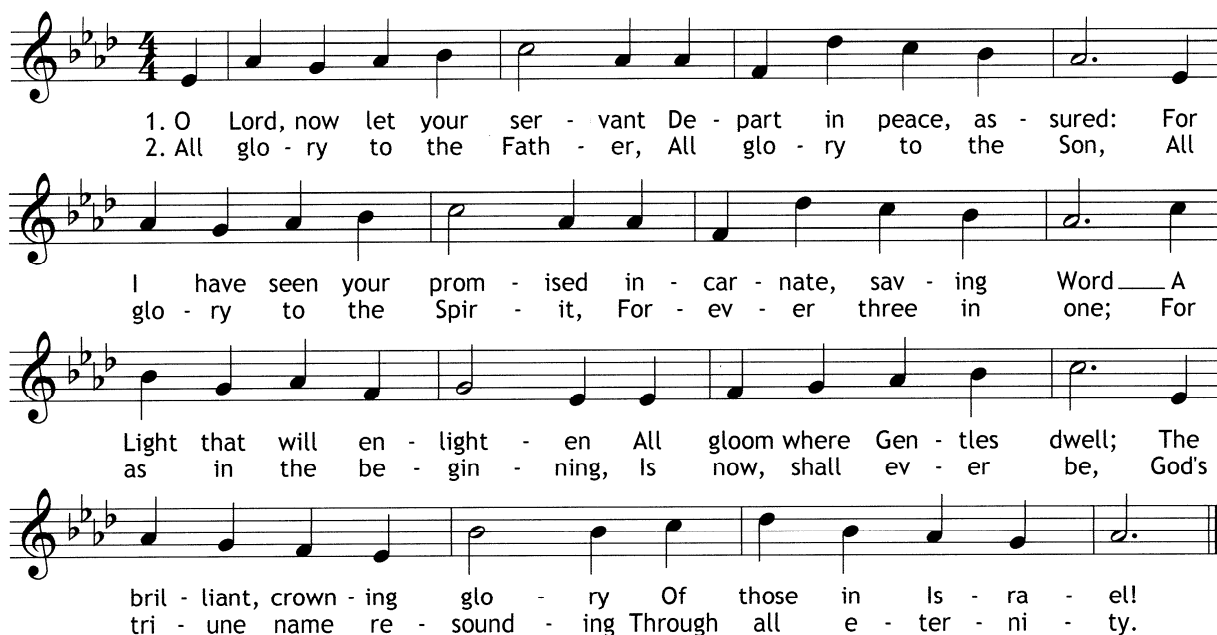
**Christ the Lord Is Risen Again**  
*Christian Worship #155*

*Please stand*

**SONG OF SIMEON**  
**Nunc Dimittis**

Luke 2:29-32

*Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction.*  
*(Sung to the tune of "Come unto Me, Ye Weary," Christian Worship #336)*



1. O Lord, now let your ser - vant De - part in peace, as - sured: For  
2. All glo - ry to the Fath - er, All glo - ry to the Son, All

I have seen your prom - ised in - car - nate, sav - ing Word — A  
glo - ry to the Spir - it, For - ev - er three in one; For

Light that will en - light - en All gloom where Gen - tles dwell; The  
as in the be - gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's

bril - liant, crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!  
tri - une name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**PRAYER**

**M:** We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**BLESSING**

**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*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CLOSING HYMN**

**Alleluia! Jesus Lives**  
*Christian Worship #153*

**POSTLUDE:**

**7:45 AM—**  
*The Power of the Cross (Oh, To See the Dawn)*  
Arr. by James Koerts

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at TWO places!**

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



## This Week at Grace • Apr 7-Apr 14

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

### TODAY

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):  
    • *Road to Emmaus* ..... 9:00a  
**Grace-Vail Bible Study Cottonwood Elementary** ..... 9:00a  
**Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem.** ..... 9:00a  
**Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary** ..... 10:00a  
Bridal Shower for Cora Kosanke in Fellowship Hall ..... 1:00p  
WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Bible Study ..... 7:00p

### Monday

**Bible Study at Vail Golf Club** ..... 9:30a  
English as a Second Language Classes..... 6:30p

### Tuesday

Handbell Practice ..... 5:30p  
English as a Second Language Classes..... 6:30p

### Wednesday

**NO** Midweek Bible Studies.....  
**Bible Study at the Prigge's** ..... 7:00p

### Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *Philippians* ..... 9:00a  
Worship Choir ..... 6:30p

### Saturday

LWMS Spring Rally at Redeemer..... 9:00a

### Sunday

Worship Services..... 7:45 & 10:00a  
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Youth Confirmation Class..... 8:45a  
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Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):  
    • *The Life of Christ: Jesus' Miracles* ..... 9:00a  
**Grace-Vail Bible Study Cottonwood Elementary** ..... 9:00a  
**Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem.** ..... 9:00a  
**Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary** ..... 10:00a  
**Grace-Vail Wiffle Ball Tournament/Chili Cook-off..** 1:00p  
WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Bible Study ..... 7:00p

Check out the NEW GRACE WEBSITE at **[www.GraceTucsonWELS.com](http://www.GraceTucsonWELS.com)!**

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## THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leader .....	Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Accompanists.....	Elaine Goldie (7:45 AM), Tina Christianson (10:00 AM)
Communion Assistant.....	Outreach Elder Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Ushers .....	Vic Thornton (7:45 AM)
	Rick Street, Mark Christianson, Jon Dongoske (10:00 AM)
	Taylor Parra, Danny Koehler (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech .....	Chris Stuhr (10:00 AM)

## 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.

## Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Sean & Mary Brearcliffe in celebration of the 21<sup>st</sup> birthday of their daughter, Katherine.

# 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 Pauley and Miller families. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

## Bridal Shower

You are invited to a bridal shower for Cora Kosanke this afternoon at 1:00 PM in the Grace Fellowship Hall. Cora and Chris are registered at Bed Bath & Beyond and [myregistry.com](https://www.myregistry.com). The hostesses are Missy Wiechmann, Jenn Miller, and Christina Kosanke. There will be snacks to enjoy. If you have questions please contact Missy Wiechmann (403-1177) or Jenn Miller (909-2115).

**NEXT SUNDAY**

***Next week's Scripture Lessons for  
Devotional Reading this Week***

Acts 9:1-19a  
Revelation 5:11-14  
John 21:1-14

### ***Sermon Text & Theme***

John 21:1-14  
*Be Encouraged by the Risen Christ*

## LWMS Spring Rally Sign-Up Today!

The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Spring Rally is this Saturday, April 13 at Redeemer Lutheran Church (8845 N Silverbell Rd). There will be presentations by Multi-Language Publications and Mission to the Children. Election of new officers will also take place. Coffee and registration begins at 8:00 AM and goes till 8:45 AM.

If you haven't signed up yet but would still like to, **find Diane Kramm at the table in the courtyard this morning.** She will be there after both services and following Bible study.

## Upcoming Dates!

Youth Confirmation Sunday: May 5

Grace-University Vacation Bible School: June 3-7 (9:00-11:30 AM each day)

Church Picnic at Grace-University: June 9 following 10 AM Worship

## Tuition Tax Credit

As you prepare your 2012 tax return this week (or receive your tax refund, perhaps), don't forget about the Arizona Tuition Tax Credit. State law allows you to make a donation in support of Lutheran education and to claim the same amount as a credit on your state tax return. Basically, this means that you get to decide how money that would otherwise be paid in taxes gets used. Donations are made through a Student Tuition Organization (STO) such as the HELP Scholarship Foundation ([www.helpscholarships.org](http://www.helpscholarships.org)). A donation made before April 15 and before you file your taxes may be claimed on the 2012 return, so you can also determine your tax liability before making a donation. You can even recommend one of the students for whom Grace pays tuition at our Lutheran schools, which directly benefits us with savings on tuition! See the flyer in the Family Ministry bulletin board in the Courtyard for more information and a list of our students.

Have you done your taxes already? One great way to get started with the Tuition Tax Credit is to use some or all of a tax refund to make a donation for 2013!



## Wiffle Ball Tournament & Chili Cook-Off

On Sunday, April 14 at 1:00 PM, Grace-Vail will be hosting a wiffle ball tournament and chili cook-off. There will be a choice of Scrip gift cards for prizes in both the chili and cornbread cook-off. Please arrive by 1:00 PM if you'd like to play in the wiffle ball game so teams can be divided up. If you'd like to enter a chili or cornbread dish please call Boz Lomasney at 440-251-4704. Hope to see you there!

## Arizona Lutheran Academy Baseball Game in Tucson

Monday, April 15 at 4:00 PM, the Arizona Lutheran Academy baseball team will be playing against Desert Christian at Desert Christian (7525 E Speedway Blvd). Grace member Danny Koehler plays for ALA. Come out and support him and our WELS high school!

## New Beginnings Service Project

The Christian Fellowship Group is starting a new service project with a WELS-related organization called *New Beginnings*. This organization focuses on young mothers and their newborns.

There will be an informational meeting/potluck on Saturday, April 20 at noon in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall. Pastor Aaron Mueller from Shepherd of the Hills will be the guest speaker. As former Chairman of the Board of Directors of Christian Life Resources, the parent organization of *New Beginnings*, Pastor Mueller will have a lot of information to share with us and input about our service project.

Everyone can attend this special meeting/potluck—even young people. We'll start promptly at noon, so bring yourself and a friend and some food to share. If you have questions or concerns contact Russ Weir at 795-0062.

## Leadership Conference

On Saturday, May 4, Grace will be hosting a simulcast of Wisconsin Lutheran College's "LEADLIVE" Leadership Conference. Topics presented will include "Developing Leaders," "Creating Mission Mindedness," and "Getting Things Done." Learn more at [www.wlc.edu/leadership](http://www.wlc.edu/leadership). Because of the time difference, the Conference will run 6:30 AM until 1:30 PM Tucson time. Current, future, and potential church leaders, both men and women, are invited to attend. Please watch for more details!

## Upcoming Canvassing Dates at Grace-Vail

Below are the upcoming canvassing dates at Grace-Vail. This is a great way to share information about our second site and also a way to share the love of Christ. If you are interested in canvassing or have questions about it please give Pastor Rieke a call (343-9881). We will be meeting at the Rancho del Lago Golf Club (14155 E Via Rancho del Lago) at 9:30 AM and will canvass until 12:00 PM each Saturday. Lunch will also be provided.

**April 20, May 4, May 18**



March 2 Canvassing Group

## English as a Second Language Childcare Volunteers Needed

The ESL program staff is looking for one more childcare volunteer on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 PM. Please call Betty Hauser (795-3311) or the Church Office (623-6633) if you're interested. Classes will run until May 14.

## Thank You and Reminder about the Apache Clothing Drive

Kudos to all of you who have donated clothing and Scrip cards for our Apache Clothing Drive. A big thank you also to all the volunteers who came out to sing prior to Christmas and Easter at the Sabino Canyon Rehabilitation and Care Center. The expressions on the residents' faces obviously said "Thank you!" Attending staff there likewise expressed their appreciation. Such an opportunity to witness God's love to people whose daily lives need such an awareness and reminder like that—wow!

Since our last Apache Clothing Drive delivery in November, two individuals have donated Scrip, totaling \$125. Simple truth: more Scrip is needed and would be put to good use by Pastor David Parsons at East Fork. The same holds true for last minute clothing donations. The deadline for donating is Wednesday, April 17. The final clothing delivery will be Thursday, April 18.

***Russ Weir, Christian Fellowship President***

## Redeemer's Tenth Annual Great Exchange

This fun event costs nothing! Just show up and shop for items you would like to have or need. There is no limit and you do not need to bring something to take something. Everyone leaves happy! Items include any new or gently used clothing (especially children's), purses, jewelry, linens and household items; games, puzzles, toys, books, videos, magazines; office supplies and decorative items; pots and pans and utensils; pictures, pet needs, furniture; electronics and outdoor/gardening tools. If you have items to donate, you can begin bringing them on April 7<sup>th</sup> to the Ministry Center at Redeemer Lutheran Church (8845 N Silverbell Rd). Hours of the Exchange are as follows:

Monday, April 8 7am-6pm

Tuesday April 9 7am-6pm

Wednesday, April 10 7am-noon

Questions? Contact Rachel Meinert (579-3882) or Ruth Schaller (572-6686).

