

# Second Sunday after Pentecost



**UNCOMMON AND UNLIKELY FAITH**

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
June 2, 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.

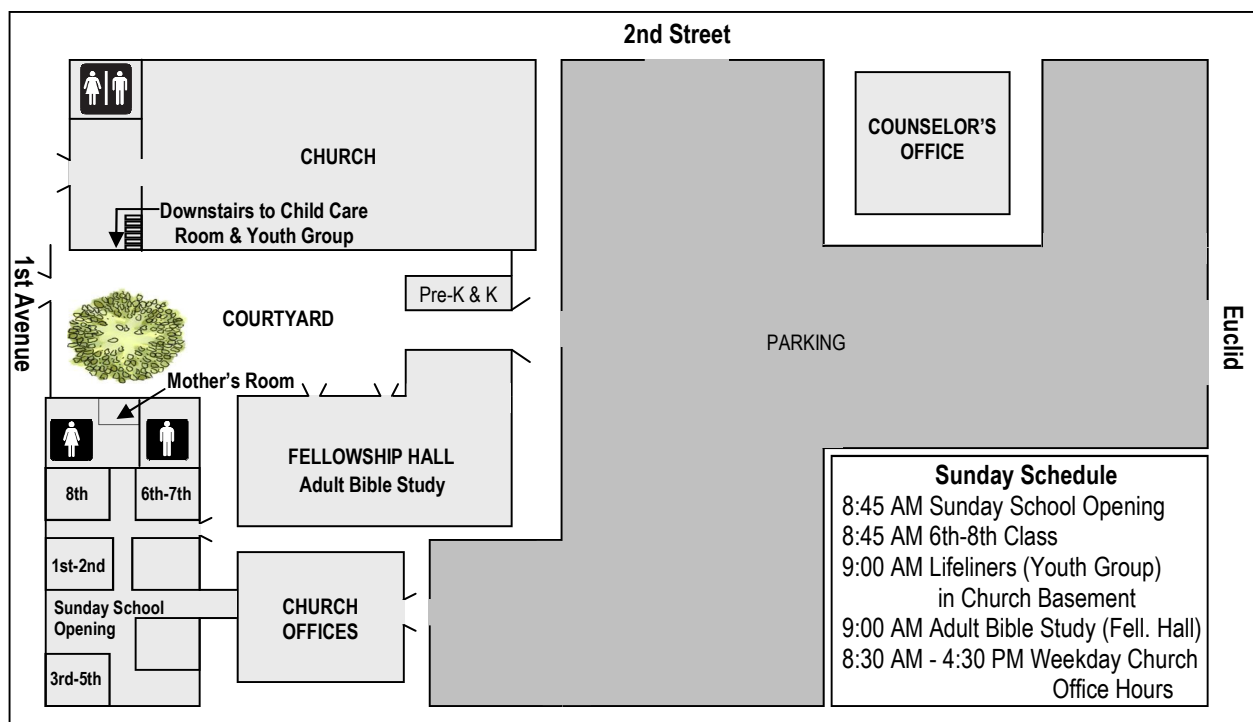
**Hymns** are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

**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**

**Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty**  
*Christian Worship #255*

*Please stand*

**INVOCATION**

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

Congregation: 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.

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

Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.

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 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow," Christian Worship #334)*



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

and grace, Your fa - vor toward our fal - len race.  
 have done Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.  
 our prayer; From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.  
 a - 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 God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; 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*

## FIRST LESSON

Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" "Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?" The commander of the LORD's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so. Now Jericho was tightly shut up because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in. Then the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your

Joshua 5:13-6:5, 20 (NIV)

hands, along with its king and its fighting men. March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have all the people give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the people will go up, every man straight in." When the trumpets sounded, the people shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the people gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so every man charged straight in, and they took the city.

*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

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord;

James 1:2-12 (NIV)

he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does. The brother in humble circumstances ought to take pride in his high position. But the one who is rich should take pride in his low position, because he will pass away like a wild flower. For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich man will fade away even while he goes about his business. Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

## 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.*

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

*Please stand*

## **GOSPEL**

**Luke 7:1-10 (NIV)**

**M:** The Gospel according to Luke chapter seven.

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

When Jesus had finished saying all this in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this, because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue." So Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble

yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.

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

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

*Please be seated*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**I Know My Faith Is Founded**  
*Christian Worship #403*

## **SERMON**

**Luke 7:1-10**  
**Unlikely and Uncommon Faith**

*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.

**C:** 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:** O Lord God, we thank you for the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, your Son, and for the promised graces we have received through him. We thank you that through his perfect life and his obedience to death on the cross we have been granted cleansing and pardon for all our sins. We thank you that in his resurrection we have the promise of life everlasting and that in his ascension to the right hand of your majesty, we have the assurance that he continually intercedes for us.

Help us believe and trust in him, love and serve him, that in all our thoughts, words, and actions we may manifest his spirit. Rebuke our selfishness and subdue our self-indulgence. Deepen our sympathies, strengthen our hope, and confirm us in our faith.

*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.*

M: Dwell in our homes, O Lord, and let the trust of our families be centered in you alone, so that no difficulty, trial, or adversity rob us of the conviction that you are our helper in every time of need. Relieve the afflictions of the weary and the sick, and dry the tears of the troubled and sorrowful. Lead them to look to you as the unfailing spring of healing and hope.

All these things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior and 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 on this day poured out his promised Holy Spirit to testify to the truth and to remind his followers of everything he had said to them. 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

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

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

*(Sung to the tune of "O Jesus, King of Glory," Christian Worship #94)*

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.

*As Jesus gave thanks to his heavenly Father when he instituted Holy Communion (see Matthew 26:26), so we join in this service to give thanks to God before our Communion celebration.*

## 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.

## 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.

*As he speaks the Words of Institution, the pastor both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for this special use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death.*

## 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 MUSIC

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN (10:00 AM)**

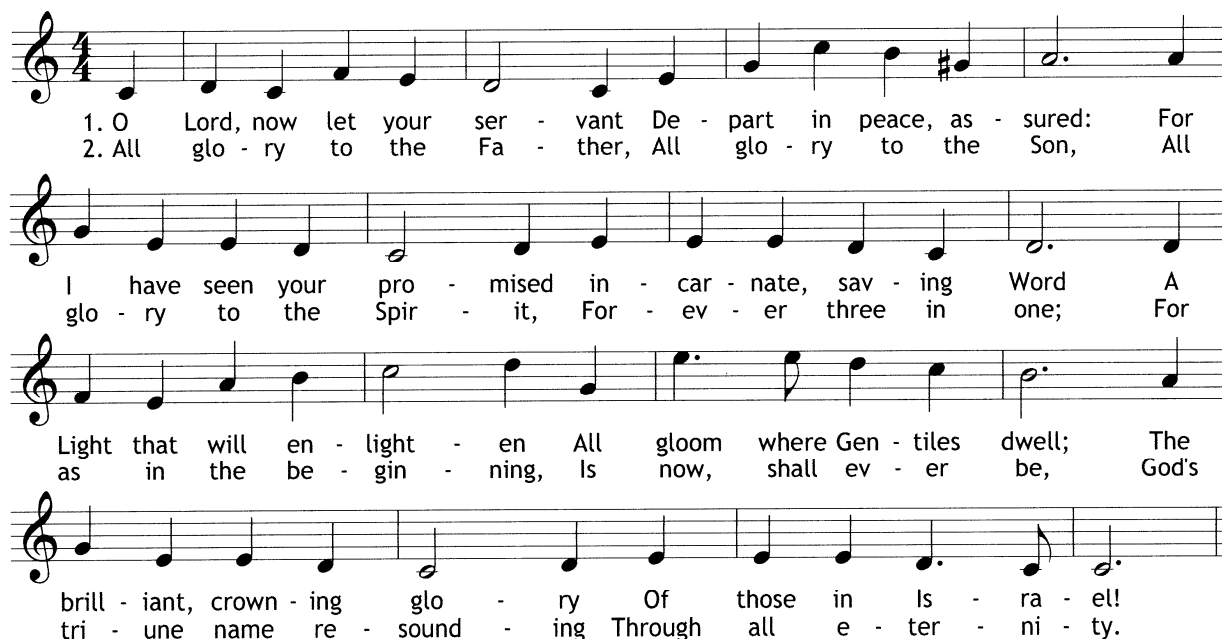
**Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face**  
*Christian Worship #315*

*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 "Jerusalem the Golden," Christian Worship #214)*



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

I have seen your pro - mised 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 - tiles dwell; The  
as in the be - gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's

brill - iant, 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.

*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:** 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**

**Faith Is a Living Power from Heaven**  
*Christian Worship #404*

## THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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<b>Worship Leader</b> .....	Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)
<b>Communion Assistants</b> .....	Pastor Mark Hallemeyer (10:00 AM)
	Outreach Elder Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)
<b>Accompanists</b> .....	Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM)
	Tina Christianson (10:00 AM)
<b>Distribution Music</b> .....	Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Vic Thornton (7:45 AM)
	Mark Christianson, Jon Dongoske, Danny Koehler (10:00 AM)
	Taylor Parra, Rick Street (10:00 AM)
<b>Sound &amp; Recording Tech</b> .....	Amy Breiling (10:00 AM)
<b>Altar Prep Team</b> .....	Lauri Colton, Audrey Street

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### Vacation Bible School at Grace-University Starts Tomorrow!

Pack your bags and join us for a sightseeing trip across the country at our "Road Trip: Route 3:16" Vacation Bible School! At each stop along the way, we'll learn more about God's love for us. Each day devotions, songs, and crafts reinforce the lessons from the Bible. So, gather up your children, nieces, nephews and friends in the neighborhood and bring them to Grace (University Site) tomorrow morning for road-trip fun! **VBS is June 3-7, 2013, 9:00-11:30 AM.**



### Church Picnic Next Sunday!

Please plan to join us at Grace-University next Sunday, June 9 after the 10:00 AM worship service for our annual Church Picnic. The June 9 worship service will also serve as our VBS closing service. **Members of Grace are asked to bring a side dish and a dessert to share.** Grace will provide grilled hot dogs and hamburgers. Volunteer help is also needed.

**We are encouraging members of Grace who attend worship at Grace-Vail on June 9 (also at 10:00), to help take down and clean up after the service, and then to join us for food and fellowship at the Picnic. Even if you normally attend at Grace-University, perhaps you'd like to visit our second site and help with this process!**

### Vacation Bible School Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer to assist with VBS, please speak to our coordinator, Cindi Breitreitz (298-9758) or to Pastor Kassulke. Donations for Vacation Bible School are also appreciated.



**Grace is one congregation  
at TWO places!**

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



## This Week at Grace • June 2-June 9

\*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):  
• *The Life of Christ: Prayers of Jesus*..... 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

### Monday

**Bible Study at Vail Golf Club: *Book of Acts*** ..... 9:30a  
**Vacation Bible School (Mon-Fri this week)**..... 9:00-11:30a

### Wednesday

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

### Thursday

**NO** Women's Bible Study.....

### Saturday

Christian Fellowship Group Movie: *Matthew* ..... 9:30a

### Sunday

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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.

## 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 Robert & Kathy Parra and Pastor & Debbie Koehler in honor of their 20th wedding anniversaries and 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 Brandi Halstead. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

*Pastor Clemons is preaching at Grace Lutheran Church in Safford, AZ this morning.*

## NEXT SUNDAY

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

Zephaniah 3:14-20  
Philippians 4:4-9  
Matthew 9:14-17

### *Sermon Text & Theme*

Matthew 9:14-17  
*Life with Jesus = Joy*

## Summer Worship Series

Our summer worship series "*Jesus is Asking*" begins on June 9. We will take a look at questions Jesus asked others and consider our response to the Savior. The 12-week series will be followed at both Grace-University and Grace-Vail. The same text will be used at both sites each week but the sermons will be slightly different because different pastors will be preaching! You may read or listen to both on the Grace website throughout the summer.



## Christian Fellowship Group—Movie Event

Saturday, June 8 at 9:30 AM in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall, the Christian Fellowship Group will meet to watch the movie "*Matthew*." Matthew is the first of the four Gospel accounts. This DVD is the prequel to the "*Road to Emmaus*" DVD made by the same company. The actor (Bruce Marchiano) who portrayed Jesus in "*Road to Emmaus*" also plays Jesus in "*Matthew*." This event is sponsored by the Christian Fellowship Group. "*Matthew*" Part 1 is about 2 1/3 hours long and will begin promptly at 9:30 AM. A tasty snack will be provided so no need to bring anything this time. This is a great outreach opportunity so please invite your unchurched friends and family members! *The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and better with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis. They are hosting this special event and all ages are welcome to attend!*

## **Christian Education Funding Progress**

Thank you again to all who completed the recent Christian Education Survey. It was helpful to hear your thoughts as we attempt to manage well the resources God has given to us, while somehow assisting our children with their Christian education. Education Elder DJ Miller and Pastor Kassulke have formed a committee which will bring a recommendation to the Church Council by June 22. Information and a proposal regarding tuition assistance for our children will be brought to the voters at a special Voters' Meeting on Tuesday, June 25 at 7:00 PM. That meeting will be held at Grace-University in the fellowship hall.

## **Former Tucson Vicar Assigned**

Seth Scheuerlein, who served his vicar year at Redeemer here in Tucson, graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and on Call Day (May 23) was assigned to serve as Instructor and Dormitory Supervisor at Nebraska Lutheran High School in Waco, Nebraska. We ask for the Lord's blessings on Seth and all of the graduates of our seminary who will go out to serve the Lord in churches, schools and missions across the country and around the world.

## **Summer Bible Reading Challenge**

Join Pastor Rieke and take a 92 day Bible reading challenge this summer! The challenge started yesterday, June 1, but it's not too late to start. You can find the informational sheets which include the daily Bible readings in the Fellowship Hall.

## **Planning a Vacation or an Extended Time away from Tucson this Summer? Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving**

Just as you rely on receiving income on a regular basis, our congregation relies on your regular offerings. We appreciate our members' efforts to make consistent donations throughout the year – especially during the summer travel periods. To assist you, Grace Lutheran Church wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to keep up on your intended offerings.

Online offerings through Simply Giving allows you to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account. You may also make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.

Please visit [www.gracetucsonwels.com](http://www.gracetucsonwels.com) at any time and click on the "Online Giving" button to set up an automatic offering plan, change your offering plan, make a one-time offering or view your online offering history. You can also access the online giving page by using your smart phone to scan the image you see to the right.

If you prefer, you may also enroll in online giving by completing an authorization form available in the church entryway, office and fellowship hall. Alternatively, you might also consider using your bank's online bill pay services to schedule your regular offerings.



