

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost



This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

-1 John 5:14

Grace Lutheran Church
October 20, 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.

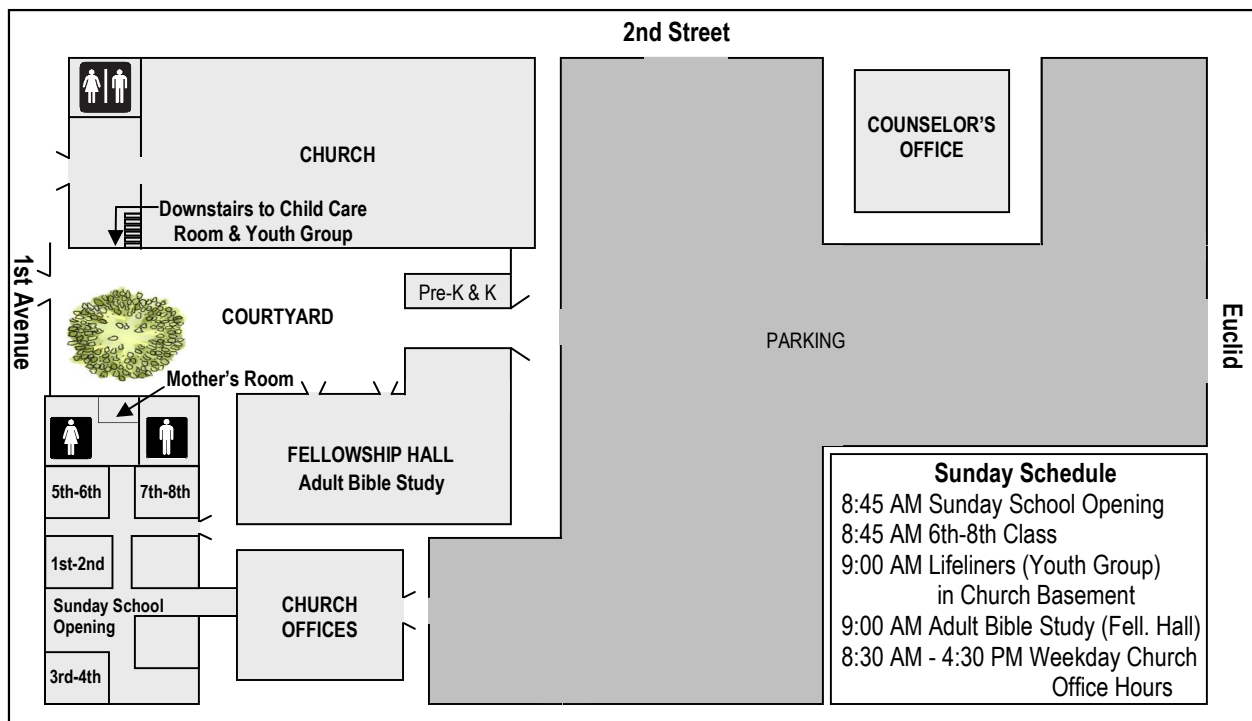
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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

Come, My Soul, with Every Care
Christian Worship #409

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.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

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.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

*How Deep the
Father's Love for Us
Arr. by James
Koerts*

*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.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.



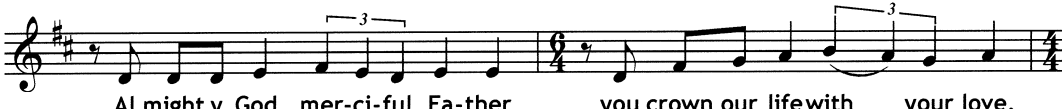
C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



Al might y God, mer-ci-ful Fa-ther, you crown our lifewith your love.



You take a-way our sin; you com-fort our spir it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



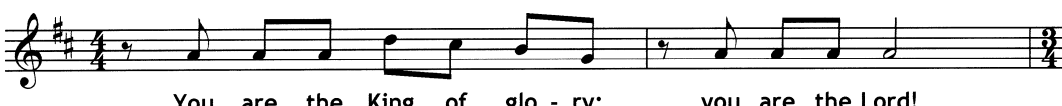
O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;



you washed us from our sins in your own blood.



You are the King of glo - ry; you are the Lord!



O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord, keep your household, the Church, in continual godliness and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maidservants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless

Genesis 32:22-30 (NIV)

you bless me." The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered. Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome." Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."

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

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask

1 John 5:13-15 (NIV)

anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

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

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 20:31

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!

Please stand

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

GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8a (NIV)

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about

men, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming!'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

When in the Hour of Utmost Need
Christian Worship #413

SERMON

1 John 5:13-15
Have Confidence, Christian

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!

10:00 AM – Please continue on page 7 with the Prayer of the Church.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER BY PROFESSION OF FAITH (7:45 AM)

Dwight Shafer

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

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

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

New Member: I do.

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:

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Arr. by Victor Labenske (CW 411)*

M: Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?
NM: I do.

M: Do you believe that the teaching of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and this congregation is faithful and true to the Word of God?
NM: I do.

M: Do you intend to grow in grace, strengthening your Christian faith through regular worship, reception of the sacrament and study of God's Word?
NM: I do.

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

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

The pastor addresses the congregation:

M: Brothers and Sisters in Christ:
Hearing this confession of faith and these promises, are you willing to receive Dwight Shafer with Christian love into the family of believers here at Grace? Are you willing to befriend, encourage, support and pray for him as Christ commands?
Congregation: Yes, as God gives me strength.

PRAYER

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

C: **Amen.**

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

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.

M: 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.**

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.**

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.

7:45 AM – Please continue on page 10 with the Words of Institution.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so 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 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.*

C: Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is
full of your glo-ry. You are my God, and I will ex-alt you.
I will give you thanks for you have be-come my sal-va-tion.
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is
full of your glo-ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

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

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



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.

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 stand***THANK THE LORD**

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise.
Tell ev-'ry one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord re -
joice and proud-ly bear his name. He re-news his prom-is - es and
leads his peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia! Allelu - ia!

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.

C: A - men.

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 on you and be gracious to you.

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

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

Christians, While on Earth Abiding
Christian Worship #408

POSTLUDE:
How Great is our
God with A Mighty
Fortress is our God
Arr. by Carol
Tornquist

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher Pastor Nathan Kassulke

Worship Leader Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM)

Communion Assistants..... Outreach Elder, Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Spiritual Needs Elder, Eric Hanson (10:00 AM)

Accompanist..... Kathy Parra

Distribution MusicSarah Oberhofer (10:00 AM)

Ushers Vic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)
Mark Christianson, Jon Dongoske, Danny Koehler (10:00 AM)
Taylor Parra, Dustin Pauley, Rick Street (10:00 AM)

Sound & Recording Tech Amy Breiling (10:00 AM)

Altar Prep Team Lauri Colton, Audrey Street

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Redeemer Homecoming Today

Today at noon, Redeemer Lutheran Church is having a Homecoming BBQ. There will be volleyball, horseshoes, a jumping castle, a dunk tank, homemade salsa contest, social time, and more. This event is for all ages, whether you're a Redeemer graduate or not. Dress casual, bring a lawn chair or canopy and come join the fun! Redeemer is located at 8845 N Silverbell Rd.

Michael Schroeder at Grace-University

Next Sunday, October 27, WELS singer and musician Michael Schroeder will lead the 7:45 AM and 10 AM worship services at Grace-University. He will be sharing God's saving message of salvation in Jesus Christ in word and song. It has been our privilege to enjoy his concerts at Grace in the past and we look forward to worshipping with him!

Thank You's

The Lingham Family would like to thank you for all the cards, prayers, and well-wishes for Magrit during her recent hospital stay.

The Women of Grace (WOG) would also like to thank the anonymous donor who gave generously for travel expenses for the WOG annual tea guest speakers. Your gift is greatly 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 • Oct 20-Oct 27

*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):
• *Pastor Kassulke: Heaven & Hell* 9:00a
• *Grow in Grace Class (Office) Non-Members Only* 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
WELS TCM: *Can a Christian Celebrate Halloween?* 7:00p

Monday

English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p

Tuesday

Precious Lambs at James D. Kriegh Park 9:30-11:30a
Handbell Choir Practice 6:30p
English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p
AZ-CA Pastors' Conference, Garden Grove, CA (The pastors
will attend Tues-Thurs)

Wednesday

NO Midweek Bible Studies
NO Bible Study at the Prigge's

Thursday

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

Saturday

ALA 3 on 3 basketball tournament in Phoenix 10:00a

Sunday

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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):
• *Guest Speaker: Michael Schroeder* 9:00a
• **NO** *Grow in Grace Class*
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
WELS TCM : *Luther Reformation Movie Party!* 6:00p

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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. 10 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 Vic & Lois Thornton in loving memory of Marilyn Warskow and William Moll.

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 Eric & Erika Hanson. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Sign Up Today for the New Picture Directory!

November 12-16 we will have photographers from *Lifetouch* at Grace-University to take pictures of our church members for our new church directory. All participating families will receive a free directory and a free 8 X 10 color portrait. There will be a table set up in the Grace-University courtyard **TODAY**, 10/27, 11/3, and 11/10 for anyone who hasn't signed up online for a portrait session. If you sign up online (www.gracetucsonwels.com/directory) and provide an email address, you will receive a \$10 coupon off additional pictures. The coupon will arrive 2-3 days before your portrait session. Information and additional coupons, which can be combined, will be available today at the table in the courtyard. Grace-Vail will receive informational brochures from Jen Watson this morning. Those at Grace-Vail who don't sign up online can call Marsha Hoffman to pick a day and time for your portrait session. If you have any questions or would like to help November 12-November 16 please call Marsha Hoffman at 591-7516.



NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Joshua 7:1, 19-26
1 John 2:15-17
Luke 18:18-27

Last Day to Purchase Grace Shirts!

Today is the last day Grace polo shirts and t-shirts will be available to order at both Grace-University and Grace-Vail. Please see Sally Littau in the Grace-University courtyard this morning if you'd like to place an order. Youth, Ladies, and Men sizes are available. Photos of the shirt styles and colors are on display to help you make your selection. Prices: Poly/Cotton polo - \$14.50-\$19.50; Polyester Cool/Wicking polo \$24.00-\$26.50; T-shirts \$11.00-\$21.50. (Prices are slightly higher for XX and larger sizes.) Payment should be made when shirts are ordered.

Pastor Ron Koehler is preaching at Grace-Vail this morning.

ESL Childcare Volunteer Needed

English as a Second Language (ESL) is in need of a back-up volunteer to help with childcare if one of the regular volunteers becomes ill or is unable to come. The children are taken care of while their parents attend the ESL classes. Classes are held on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 PM in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in helping please call Lois Thornton (323-8772) or Betty Hauser (795-3311).

NEW! Precious Lambs Playgroup

Children (ages birth to age 5) are invited to come play along with their parent or caregiver on **Tuesday, October 22** from **9:30-11:30AM**. We will meet at the James D. Kriegh Park (23 W Calle Concordia, 85704) for this informal play date. You do not need to RSVP and can come for any or all of the time. Precious Lambs will meet on most Tuesday mornings for play dates. If you have any questions, please contact Missy Wiechmann (403-1177) or Beth Kassulke (293-2935). (Precious Lambs will meet on October 29 at Grace-University 830 N First Ave, 85719. Wear your favorite costume and come for story-time, a simple craft, snacks, and trick-or-treating through the church office!)

Tucson Area Reformation Service

The Reformation Service for the Tucson area will be Sunday, November 3 at 3:00 PM here at Grace-University. The theme is "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast," which includes joint adult and children's choirs and musical ensembles. The Liturgist will be Pastor Mark Jacobson from Dove Mountain, and Pastor Michael Schultz, WELS Hymnal Project Director (formerly served Sola Fide in Lawrenceville, GA and Mt. Calvary in Flagstaff), will be the guest preacher. Please join us for this festive service where we celebrate confessional Lutheranism that stands firm on the foundation of God's Word! A dessert fellowship will be provided following worship.



The Grace church parking lot will fill up fast, but the U of A Main Gate parking garage is located across the street to the east of Grace and is free on weekends. If you are able, please consider parking there so those who have trouble walking can park at the church.

Christmas Card Boxes Now Available

New Christmas card boxes and lapel pins are now available on the card table on the south wall of the Grace-University Fellowship Hall. Boxes are \$4 each and lapel pins are \$1. If you have any questions please call Lisa Lenius at 308-4266.

Last Week to Collect for *Change for Life!*

A question was asked recently about Change for Life: *"Can these young ladies really be helped, recognizing their background and problems they bring to New Beginnings?"* A loving explanation of Ephesians 2:8-9 was given, emphasizing that faith does save us—literally turns our lives around—because it trusts in the saving merits of Jesus!

Excerpts were taken from "Growing Branches," a newsletter from *New Beginnings*. They come from a young woman named Mia. Her baby's name is Ariel. *"Mia gave a heartfelt account of some of her past struggles, her new-found faith in God, and her well spent time at New Beginnings. Her closing comment was: 'I love you, New Beginnings! Thank you, Jesus!' As she finished there wasn't a dry eye in the room."* The staff and residents do appreciate our prayers to our gracious God on their behalf. Remember, this is the last week to collect change before the October 27 deadline, so fill those baby bottles! Also, if you would like to write a check to the organization make it payable to *Christian Life Resources*.