## Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



"For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table?"

Grace Lutheran Church July 14, 2013





Our mission at Grace is to teach the inspired and inerrant Word of God, to proclaim that Jesus Christ is the crucified and risen Savior of the world and to nurture believers for lives of Christian service.

We are very pleased that you have joined us for worship today at Grace-University! We pray that this time will be a blessing for you as God comes to you with his Word and promises and as you offer him your thanks and praise.

## **Worship Notes**

The **order of service** we follow is printed out in this worship folder. You'll notice that the service is a dialogue between God and us, his people. The pastor speaks to God along with the congregation and also speaks the Word of God to the people.

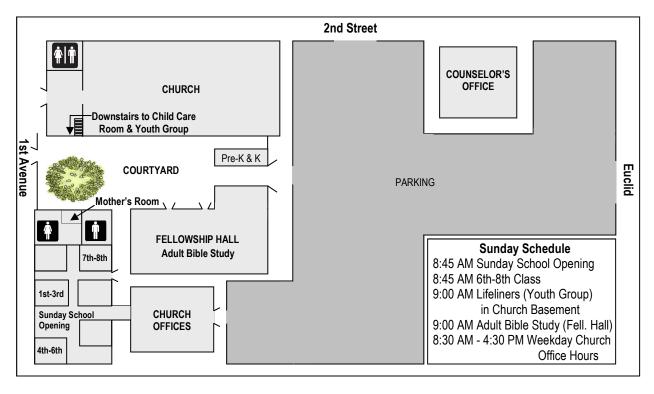
**Hymns** are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

Large print hymn sheets are available in the entryway. You may also ask an usher or greeter to get one for you.

We believe that many blessings come from having families worship together and we love to have **children in worship!** If you need to calm a restless child, you may:

- stand for a few moments in the entryway, sometimes that's all that's needed
- go down the stairs to the left in the entryway—they will lead down to the Child Care Room where you will still be able to hear the service
- visit the private Mother's Room across the courtyard in the women's restroom—you will be able to hear the service there also

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



## SERVICE OF THE WORD

Christian Worship

WELCOME

HYMN

Songs of Praise the Angels Sang

Christian Worship #222

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**

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless C: ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

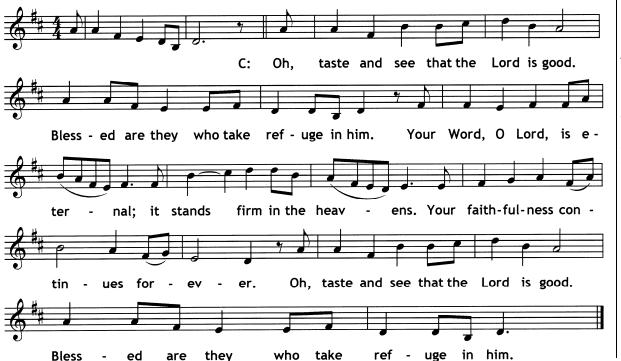
God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and M: innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## OH, TASTE AND SEE



PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM-How Beautiful Arr. by Lloyd Larson

10:00 AM-Make Me a Servant By Kelly Willard

Duet: Maya & Kathy Parra

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.

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Lord God, your Son came among us to serve and not to be served, and to give his life for the sins of the world. Lead us by his love to serve those to whom the world offers no comfort and little help. Through us give hope to the hopeless, love to the unloved, peace to the troubled, and rest to the weary; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



Please be seated

## THE WORD

## FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 24:1-19 (NIV)

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.

After Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told, "David is in the Desert of En Gedi." So Saul took three thousand chosen men from all Israel and set out to look for David and his men near the Crags of the Wild Goats. He came to the sheep pens along the way; a cave was there, and Saul went in to relieve himself. David and his men were far back in the cave. The men said, "This is the day the LORD spoke of when he said to you, 'I will give your enemy into your hands for you to deal with as you wish." Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul's robe. Afterward. David was conscience-stricken for having cut off a corner of his robe. He said to his men, "The LORD forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the LORD's anointed, or lift my hand against him; for he is the anointed of the LORD." With these words David rebuked his men and did not allow them to attack Saul. And Saul left the cave and went his way. Then David went out of the cave and called out to Saul, "My lord the king!" When Saul looked behind him, David bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground. He said to Saul, "Why do you listen when men say, 'David is

bent on harming you'? This day you have seen with your own eyes how the LORD delivered you into my hands in the cave. Some urged me to kill you, but I spared you; I said, 'I will not lift my hand against my master, because he is the LORD's anointed.' See, my father, look at this piece of your robe in my hand! I cut off the corner of your robe but did not kill you. Now understand and recognize that I am not guilty of wrongdoing or rebellion. I have not wronged you, but you are hunting me down to take my life. May the LORD judge between you and me. And may the LORD avenge the wrongs you have done to me, but my hand will not touch you. As the old saying goes, 'From evildoers come evil deeds,' so my hand will not touch you. Against whom has the king of Israel come out? Whom are you pursuing? A dead dog? A flea? May the LORD be our judge and decide between us. May he consider my cause and uphold it; may he vindicate me by delivering me from your hand." When David finished saying this, Saul asked, "Is that your voice, David my son?" And he wept aloud. "You are more righteous than I," he said. "You have treated me well, but I have treated you badly.

You have just now told me of the good you did to me; the LORD delivered me into your hands, but you did not kill me. When a man finds his enemy, does

he let him get away unharmed? May the LORD reward you well for the way vou treated me today."

## **PSALM OF THE DAY**

**PSALM 146** 

## Refrain



#### Psalm Tone



- 1. Praise the LORD, / O my soul.\* I will sing praise to my God as long / as I live.
- 2. Do not put your trust in / princes,\* in mortal men, who / cannot save.
- 3. Blessed is he whose hope is in the / LORD his God,\* the maker of heav- / en and earth.

## Refrain

- 4. The LORD gives food to the / hungry,\* the LORD sets / prisoners free.
- 5. The LORD gives sight / to the blind,\* the LORD lifts up those who are / bowed down.
- 6. The LORD watches over the / outcast\* and sustains the fatherless and the / widow.
- 7. The LORD remains faithful for- / ever.\* He upholds the cause of / the oppressed.
- 8. Glory be to the Father and / to the Son\* and to the Holy / Spirit, as it was in the be-/ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

Refrain

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## SECOND LESSON

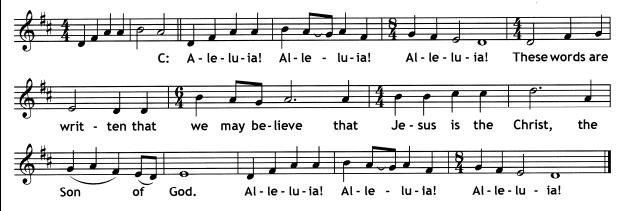
We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of

the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

Romans 15:1-7 (NIV)

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

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**



Please stand

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

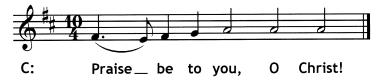
## **GOSPEL**

Also a dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. But you are not to be like that. Instead,

the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves."

Luke 22:24-27 (NIV)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go Christian Worship #518

**SERMON** 

Luke 22:24-27 Serving Others

Please stand

## APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

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 8 with the Adult Confirmation.

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER BY TRANSFER (7:45 AM) Bill Becker

Minister: Dear members of Grace, Bill Becker has recently transferred his membership from Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS) in Tucson, AZ.

Bill, so that the believers here might receive you in Christian love and so that you might have the opportunity to 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.



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

**7:45 AM-**Make Me a Servant
By Kelly Willard

**10:00 AM-**Reach Out and
Touch
By Charles F. Brown

"Let us not love with words...but with action and in truth." 1 John 3:18 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 Bill Becker 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 Bill 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: Bill, we welcome you to the family at Grace. Go in peace.

7:45 AM — Please continue on page 9 with the Prayer of the Church.

# ADULT CONFIRMATION (10:00 AM) of Jacob Wyatt Simms

Minister: Having been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and having been instructed in the basic teachings of the Bible, you are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith. The apostle Paul, writing to the Romans, said: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Therefore, lift up your heart to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions.

M: Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this congregation, acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation?

New Member: I do.

M: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

NM: I do.

M: Do you believe in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

NM: I do.

M: Do you believe all the canonical books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?

NM: I do.

M: Do you believe that the teaching of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, as you have learned it in the Grow in Grace Class, is faithful and true to the Word of God?

NM: I do.

M: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it?

NM: I do, and I ask God to help me.

M: Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word, to be faithful in the use of the Word and sacrament, and in faith and action remain true to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as long as you live?

NM: I do, and I ask God to help me.

The Pastor blesses the confirmand and hands him a confirmation certificate.

M: Your church now welcomes you into communicant membership, with all the rights, benefits, and responsibilities that this entails, and invites you to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's Table as a precious privilege given you by God through his Church; receive this Sacrament thankfully and often. The almighty and most merciful God—Father, Son (†), and Holy Spirit—bless and keep you.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.
- C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.
- M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.
- C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.
- M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.
- C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.
- M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.
- C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

- M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.
- C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

Please be seated

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.

Please stand

## **PRAYER**

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## **BLESSING**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

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



Please be seated

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CLOSING HYMN** 

Go, My Children, with My Blessing Christian Worship #332 The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So I will put my name on [them], and I will bless them." Numbers 6:27 POSTLUDE (7:45 AM) Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go
Christian Worship #518

(10:00 AM) Glorious in Majesty
Christian Worship #496

Living is to love him, Serving him to know his freedom. Come along with us to join the praise of Jesus. Come to Jesus now; Go to live his Word, rejoicing.

## THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM)
Kathy Parra (7:45 AM)
Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Maya Parra
Vic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)
Christianson, Jon Dongoske, Danny Koehler (10:00 AM)
Taylor Parra, Rick Street (10:00 AM)
Diane Kramm, Nancy Miles, Johneth Myrmo



## Grace is one congregation at TWO places!

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



## This Week at Grace • July 14-July 21

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

#### **TODAY**

Worship Services	7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services	
Children's Sunday School	8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class	
Lifeliners (High School Group): Bible Study	9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):	
• The Life of Christ: The Lord's Prayer	9:00a
Grace-Vail Bible Study Cottonwood Elem: Ex	odus9:00a
Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Ele	em9:00a
Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementa	ary 10:00a
Monday	
Bible Study at Vail Golf Club: Book of Acts	9:30a
Tuesday	

Vail Future Finance Meeting ...... 5:30p Council Meeting......6:15p

## Wednesday

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

## **Thursday**

Women's Bible Study: The Narrow Lutheran Middle	9:00a
Grow in Grace Class (Office) Non-Members Only	6:30p

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Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary1	0:00a

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## **TODAY**

## **For Our Guests**

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

#### **Altar Flowers**

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by the Hawkins family in memory of Lester Oberfeld, dear brother and uncle.

## 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 Bill & Lisa Toben. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

## **Confirmations**

Jacob Simms will be confirmed during 10:00 AM worship here at Grace-University and Mary Lee Swann will be confirmed at Grace-Vail. We welcome them to Grace and ask God's blessings on them!

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

> Ezekiel 33:7-9 Romans 14:10-23 Matthew 7:1-5

Sermon Text & Theme

Matthew 7:3-4
To Judge or Not to Judge?

## **Quarterly Offering Statements Available**

Those who use the offering envelopes for their giving to the Lord will find a quarterly offering statement envelope with their name on it on the table in the courtyard. Please pick yours up today. We would ask that you not pick up anyone's envelope but your own. Our computer software makes it very easy to generate these statements for you on a quarterly basis. We hope you'll appreciate the opportunity to check for any recording errors we may have made and perhaps use it to review your gifts of love to your Savior.

## **Summer Worship Series**

Our summer worship series is "Jesus is Asking." We are looking at questions Jesus asked others and considering 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.



## Thank You

Helen and Ron Kwart, along with their son, Don Paul, would like to thank you for your prayers and phone calls during recent health issues and surgeries.

## **Scholarship Available**

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

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

## **Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving this Summer**

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.

Please visit <u>www.gracetucsonwels.com</u> 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.



## **Roast Beef Dinner & Craft Fair!**

The Women of Grace will host a craft fair in conjunction with the roast beef dinner on Friday, November 15, so begin your craft making now! Anyone interested in donating crafts please let Debbie Koehler (293-5617) know. Don't forget, there are Scrip gift cards available for Michael's & Joann's Fabrics.

## **WELS Tucson Campus Ministry**

WELS TCM is on hiatus for the summer, but mark your calendars for the Welcome Back Party on August 25 at 6:00 PM. All college students or anyone of approximately college age is encouraged to attend. Information will be available regarding our semester schedule for Bible studies and activities, as well as food and fun, and an opportunity to sign up for parking permits for the semester. Contact Pastor Kassulke in the office if you have any questions (623-6633).

## **Grace Photo Directory**

Do you ever see people at church and wonder what their names are? Have you ever heard an announcement regarding a member and wished you could put a face with a name? Are you a new member and wish you had something to help you put names with faces? Help is on the way! We are producing a new pictorial directory this fall here at Grace! There is no cost to our church, and each participating family will receive a **complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory** and have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family & friends. Watch for more details in the coming weeks. If you'd like to help volunteer with the directory please contact Marsha at 591-7516, email her at marshalh49@gmail.com or call the church office (623-6633).