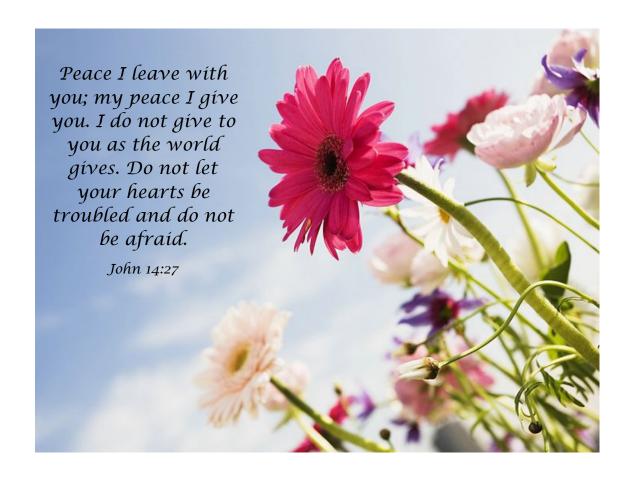
Sixth Sunday of Easter



10:00 AM Worship

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church May 5, 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.

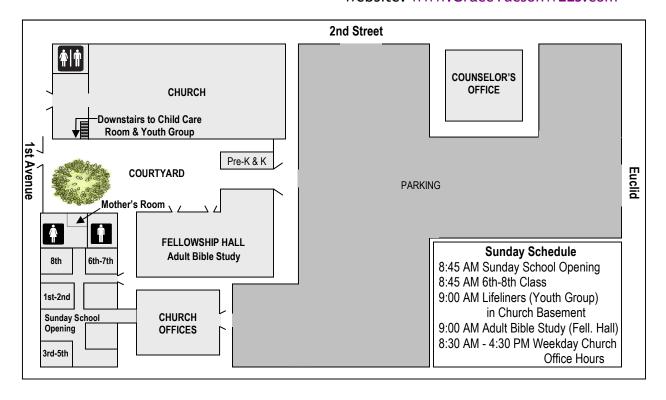
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



YOUTH CONFIRMATION SERVICE

WELCOME

HYMN Alleluia! Jesus Lives
Christian Worship #153

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and to long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Kings 6:15-17

When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh, my lord, what shall we do?" the servant asked. "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more

than those who are with them." And Elisha prayed, "O Lord, open his eyes so he may see." Then the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Revelation 3:14-22

"To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich;

and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see. Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

HYMN

The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace Christian Worship #288

SERMON

John 14:23-29 Jesus Gives You True Peace

Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of

everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe."

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 pew and pass it along. Thank You!



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

We Walk by Faith and Not By Sight
By Marilyn Biery

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH—EASTER

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.

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.

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.

I walk with Christ each day that I live knowing the peace that He alone can give. I know the wondrous joy it can bring trusting in Christ, my Savior and King.

I find His touch in all that I see, showing the love I know He has for me. I will believe and follow His word building my faith and trust in the Lord.

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine, Precious Redeemer, Savior divine. Guiding each footstep, hearing each prayer, He will not fail me; He will be there.

I know that Christ will show me the way, shining His light to lead me through each day. I will be grateful; I will be true, serving my Lord in all that I do.

This is my story, this is my song. I will be faithful; I will be strong. This is my story, this is my song; praising my Savior all my life long!

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RITE OF CONFIRMATION AND CONFESSIONS OF FAITH

Each confirmand will read a brief essay that he or she has prepared.

The confirmands' essays serve as an expression of their knowledge of and faith in God and His Word, and they also benefit us all as a review of some fundamental truths of Scripture. Please join in singing the hymn stanzas as indicated (to the tune of hymn # 597, "May God the Father of Our Lord").

Bryce William Taylor "Why the Ten Commandments are Important to Me"

(sing)1. May God the Father of our Lord,
Who called you by his holy Word,
Perfect, establish, settle you,
Keep you through faith forever true.

Olivia Louise Holz "Why the Apostles' Creed is Important to Me"

2. In Jesus Christ may you be blessed And brought to his eternal rest. The work he has in you begun, He will perform till all is done.

Maya Alyse Parra "Why the Lord's Prayer is Important to Me"

3. The Holy Spirit give you pow'r,
The strength of prayer in ev'ry hour,
The wisdom, knowledge, fear of God,
That lifts above his chast'ning rod.

Abigail Elena Walshaw "Why the Use of the Keys and Confession are Important to Me"

4. May God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One, Preserve you blameless till in Grace You stand before his holy face.

Elizabeth Rachel Colton "Why Holy Communion is Important to Me"

5. Make your confession and be bold, To share the Savior as we're told, That those who hear may also be With Christ and us eternally.

CONFIRMANDS' CONFESSION AND PROMISE

MINISTER:

Brother and sisters in Christ, our Lord Jesus said to his disciples: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

In obedience to the Lord's command, you have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have been taught the precious truths of the Christian faith as confessed by the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. You know what God has given you by his grace and what he expects of you as his dear child. You now have the privilege of receiving the Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

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 hearts to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions.

MINISTER:

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?

CONFIRMANDS: I do.

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

C: I do.

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

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.

M: Do you desire to become a communicant member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and of this congregation?

C: I do.

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

C: I do.

M: Do you believe that the teaching of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God?

C: 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?

C: 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?

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

M: Now give your hand at the Lord's altar as a pledge of your promise and receive his blessing.

Confirmation Blessings

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.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

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."

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

C: Amen.

The confirmands and their parents will come forward and the confirmands, along with any family members who are communicant members, will then receive the Lord's Supper prior to distribution to the congregation.

DISTRIBUTION

Our church practices "Member Communion." If you are a guest today and are a confirmed member of another WELS church, we invite you to the Lord's Table with us. If you are a guest today and are not a member of one of our Wisconsin Synod churches, we ask that you would speak to one of the pastors after church today or at some other time to discuss receiving the Lord's Supper with us in the future.

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared Christian Worship #312

PRAYER

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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.

BE SEATED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name Christian Worship #321

POSTLUDE

May the Peace of God Christian Worship Supplement #745

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leader	Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Communion Assistants	Pastor Ron Koehler, Pastor Sam Clemons, Pastor Mark Hallemeyer
Accompanist	Teri Guenther
Voices of Grace Director	Beth Kassulke
Ushers Mark (Christianson, Jon Dongoske, Danny Koehler, Taylor Parra, Rick Street
Sound & Recording Tech	Jeremy Snavely

Member Survey

The Church Council has been considering potentially necessary changes to our practice of financially supporting Lutheran education for our students. Together with the Voters as Grace's ultimate decision-making body, they would like to seek your feedback and input directly. Please visit www.GraceTucsonWELS.com/MemberSurvey to read and prayerfully consider the information there and to fill out the online survey that has been prepared. If you have any questions or trouble accessing the survey, please contact the Church Office. Please complete the survey by next Sunday, May 12, so that the results may be compiled and studied. There is a computer and someone to assist you in the Fellowship Hall this morning if you would like to fill it out today.



Grace is one congregation at TWO places!

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



This Week at Grace • May 5-May 12

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

TODAY YOUTH CONFIRMATION Worship Services/Communion7:45 & 10:00a	Wednesday (continue NO Bible Study at the
Children's Sunday School	Thursday Grace-University Work Women's Bible Study:
• The Life of Christ: Demon Possession	Friday Kosanke/Stuhr Weddii
Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem	Saturday Christian Fellowship G Kosanke/Stuhr Weddii
Monday Bible Study at Vail Golf Club	Sunday ASCENSION Worship Services Coffee Fellowship follo Children's Sunday Sch
Tuesday English as a Second Language Classes6:30p Pastors' Conference in Scottsdale, AZ (Tues-Wed)	Youth Confirmation Cl Lifeliners (High School Adult Bible Study (Fell
WednesdayMidweek Bible Study: Church History10:00aWorship Choir6:00pMidweek Bible Study: Church History7:00p	 The Life of Christ: Pro Grace-Vail Bible Study Grace-Vail Sunday Sch Grace-Vail Worship at

Wednesday (continued) NO Bible Study at the Prigge's	
Thursday Grace-University Work Day Women's Bible Study: The Narrow Lutheran Middle	
Friday Kosanke/Stuhr Wedding Rehearsal	.5:00p
Saturday Christian Fellowship Group at Grace-University Kosanke/Stuhr Wedding	
Sunday ASCENSION Worship Services	
Youth Confirmation Class	
Lifeliners (High School Group): Bible Study	9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):	0.00-
The Life of Christ: Prayers of Jesus	
Grace-Vail Bible Study Cottonwood Elementary	
Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem	
Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary	10:00a

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

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TODAY

For Our Guests

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

Holy Communion

There are before-communion and after-communion prayers in our Christian Worship hymnal on p. 11, and a personal preparation guide on p.156 to help prepare you to receive the Lord's Supper. If you are a guest with us today, please see p. 7 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 the families of the confirmands.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our youth confirmands, Elizabeth Colton, Olivia Holz, Maya Parra, Bryce Taylor, and Abigail Walshaw. The congregation is invited to celebrate this special occasion in the lives of our young people with a cake reception in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

You're Invited!

Robert and Kathy Parra invite the congregation to celebrate the confirmation of their daughter Maya at their Open House today from 2:00-6:00 PM. The address is 3861 W. Jubilee PI 85741.

WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Cookout This Evening

WELS Tucson Campus Ministry is hosting its annual end of the year cookout in the courtyard here at Grace tonight at 6:00 PM. All college students and other college age individuals are invited to attend. Graduating high school seniors, please join us as our special guests.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

> Exodus 14:21-31 Revelation 19:11-16 Luke 24:44-53

Sermon Text & Theme

Psalm 47
We Worship the Ascended King



Work Day at Grace-University

Grace will be having a Work Day this Thursday, May 9 starting at 8:00 AM. Work will focus on the Sanctuary entrance doors. We need a few volunteers to help scuff and re-varnish the doors in preparation for the hot summer days. Tools will be supplied. Questions? Call Dave Breitkreitz at 298-9758.

Christian Fellowship Group

Saturday, May 11 at 10:00 AM in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall Grace member Gisela Kittel will share her memories about being a young girl in Germany during Hitler's fascist political regime. We'll meet promptly at 10:00 AM. Please bring a healthy treat to share. Hope to see you there! *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!*

Wedding Invitation

The Grace congregation is invited to the wedding ceremony of Chris Stuhr and Cora Kosanke this Saturday, May 11 at 3:00 PM in the sanctuary.



All Nations Service at Grace-Vail—May 19

In two weeks we will celebrate an All Nations Service at Grace-Vail. On May 19 we will remember the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus' disciples and they proclaimed the wonders of God to all nations. This special service will include a taste of what that was like with readers from different backgrounds and a special guest preacher – Missionary Mark Rieke from India. Join us before the service at 9:00 AM for a presentation about Missionary Rieke's experience in India.

Open House

You are invited to an Open House on Sunday, May 26 from 3:00-9:00 PM to celebrate the Arizona Lutheran Academy graduation of Ariana Weinstein and Tyler Koehler. The open house will be held at the Koehlers—2664 W. Lazybrook Dr, 85741. We hope you can join us!

NEW Women's Bible Study!

Join us this Thursday at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall for a new study of the book "The Narrow Lutheran Middle" by Pastor Daniel Deutschlander, who is also the author of "Civil Government" and "The Theology of the Cross." Topics covered include: the right and wrong uses of reason in religion; predestination, God's providence, and human responsibility; God's will and human will; the Great Commission and the public ministry; and finding the middle in "worship wars." People often favor one teaching over another or try to resolve Bible teachings according to human reason. You'll examine these topics, learning to let each teaching of Scripture stand on its own and appreciating God's will and Word.

Vacation Bible School!

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) for road-trip fun! **VBS is June 3-7, 2013**, 9:00-11:30 AM.



Church Picnic

Please plan to join us at Grace-University on 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 tear-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, Cindy Breitkreitz (298-9758) or to Pastor Kassulke. Donations for Vacation Bible School are also appreciated.