MISSION FESTIVAL



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church January 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.

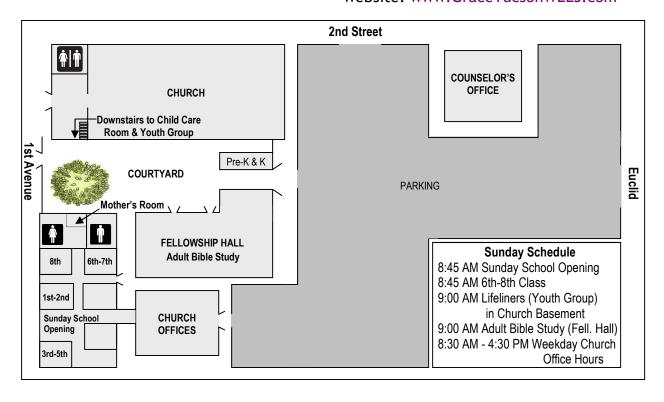
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

Large print worship folders 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



PRESERVICE MUSIC

(7:45 AM)

I Love to Tell the Story

Arr. by Julie A. Lind

(10:00 AM)

Here I Am, Lord Setting by Anne Marie David

Order of Worship for MISSION FESTIVAL

WELCOME

HYMN Rise, Shine, You People

Christian Worship #556

(10:00 AM) Voices of Grace, st. 1 Congregation st. 2-4

Please Stand

Pastor: In the name of the Father

Cong: whose glory is declared by the heavens,

P: and of the Son

C: who calls us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth,

P: and of the Holy Spirit

C: who empowers us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

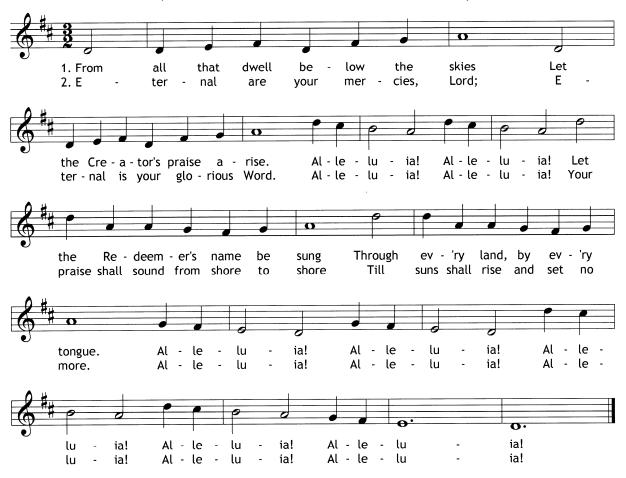
- P: Gracious Lord, we come before you now confessing our sins. Through your Word you have revealed to us again and again the unsearchable riches of Christ,
- C: but again and again we have failed to recognize how richly we have been blessed.
- P: We have often failed to fully appreciate all you have done for us in Christ, and therefore we have failed to share the message of your love and grace with others as we should.
- C: Forgive us for the dullness of our faith and love for you.
- P: So often we have overlooked the needs of those who live near us and have shown so little concern for those who are far away. There is always so much more we could do to bring others the Good News of their Savior, Jesus Christ.
- C: Gracious Lord, we confess that we are in dire need of your Spirit's help. We need a heart that loves you more, a faith that trusts you more, a life that reflects more clearly the vast riches of your love.

ABSOLUTION

- P: After his resurrection, Jesus breathed on his disciples and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake has forgiven you all your sins. 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.

OUR JOYFUL RESPONSE

("From All that Dwell Below the Skies" CW #250)



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Heavenly Father, You have called us from many races and tongues to be witnesses of the Good News of Your Son to every nation, tribe, language and people. Help us to share your precious Gospel with all who have not heard of your great love for them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN (7:45 AM)

Spread, Oh, Spread the Mighty Word Christian Worship #576

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

LORD

The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me." But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very important city—a visit required three days. On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned." The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

Jonah 1:1-3; 3:1-10 (NIV)

When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. Then he issued a proclamation in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles:

Do not let any man or beast, herd or flock, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish."

When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.

VOICES OF GRACE (10:00 AM)

I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love; I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

I love to tell the story; for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest: I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

Words by Katherine Hankey Music arranged by Philip M. Young

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 9:16-23 (NIV)

Yet when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, for I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make use of my rights in preaching it. Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win

the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

I Cannot Help But Tell

Text: Ronald G. Koehler III, b. 1965. Based on First Corinthians 9:16-23 Tune and Setting: "Where Shepherds Lately Knell" Manger Song (CW 54) Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929. Copyright 1986 by GIA Publications, Inc., Chicago, IL



Please stand

THE GOSPEL Matthew 28:16-20 (NIV)

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "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."

Christian Worship #557

SERMON

Pastor Matt Voqt, AZ-CA District Mission Board Chairman

See To It that No One Misses the Grace of God! (Hebrews 12:15)

- I. For your own sake.
- II. For the sake of others.

HYMN

Lord of the Living Harvest Christian Worship #559

OFFERING OF THANKSGIVING AND COMMITMENT TO MISSIONS AND MINISTRY

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 quest 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 along. Thank You!

OFFERTORY MUSIC

(7:45 AM) Across the Lands

(10:00 AM) Allegro

Arr. by James Koerts

By. G. F. Handel

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER

- P: Dear God, be gracious to us and bless us,
- C: that your ways may be known on earth and your salvation among all people.
- P: Father in heaven, let your face shine on us.
- Strengthen the hands that are weak and make firm the knees that shake, so that we may rise C: up as your witnesses, and let our light shine before all people.
- P: Lord Jesus, cause your Word to take hold in our hearts and spring from our lips so that people may hear your saving gospel and see it at work in our lives.
- Let your Word lead those who do not now know you to repent of their sins and put their trust C: in you.
- P: Lord Jesus, give us boldness to say with the apostle:
- I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of C: everyone who believes.
- P: O Holy Spirit, our Counselor in every need, give light to our hearts and minds
- that we may seize the opportunity to carry out our Savior's mission every day. C:
- O Holy Spirit, Fountain of wisdom, give light to our hearts and minds P:
- that we dedicate our lives to spreading the good news of Jesus so that souls might be saved. C:
- P: These things we ask in Jesus' name, as we also pray:
- 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.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P: 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."
- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand

PRAYER & BENEDICTION

- P: 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 you 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

- P: Now may the God who gives endurance and encouragement give a spirit of unity among you, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. The blessing of almighty God—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit—be with you and uphold you forever.
- C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

Lift High the Cross

Christian Worship #579

POSTLUDE (7:45 AM) Lift High the Cross (10:00 AM) The Power of the Cross Arr. by Hal Leaonard with Lift High the Cross

Arr. by Carol Tornquist

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leader	Pastor Nathan Kassulke (7:45 AM)
-	Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM)
Preacher	Pastor Matt Vogt
Communion Assistants	Pastor Nathan Kassulke, Pastor Ron Koehler (10:00 AM)
Accompanists	Kathy Parra (7:45 AM)
	Elaine Goldie (10:00 AM)
Distribution Music	Karen Grorud (7:45 AM)
	Pastor Nathan Kassulke, Tyler Koehler
Voices of Grace Director	Beth Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Sound Technician	Amy Breiling (10:00 AM)

THANK YOU to Pastor Matt Vogt, chairman of the AZ-CA District Mission Board for preaching for our Mission Festival and for presenting on WELS Home Missions during the Bible Class hour.

Arizona-California District Mission Board

The AZ-CA DMB is made up of four pastors and three laymen from our district. Grace member Jesse Huggins (12 years) and Pastor Koehler (newly appointed) serve on this board which identifies, encourages and supports new mission efforts in our district, which includes Arizona, California, Hawaii, New Mexico and El Paso, TX. Pastor Matt Vogt from Water of Life Lutheran Church in Las Vegas, NV is the AZ-CA DMB Chairman.

WELS Home Missions

Helping to reach more of the lost with the Gospel

The Board for Home Missions (BHM) consists of a pastor and layman from each of the District Mission Boards (DMB), which are elected by the districts, together with a chairman elected by the synodical convention. The Campus Ministry Committee also has representatives that participate with the BHM. The BHM seeks to help proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost, straying and gathered.

The Board for Home Missions accomplishes its mission through the District Mission Boards and Campus Ministry Committee by partnering with congregations, groups, and individuals to encourage, enhance, establish, develop, and enrich mission opportunities to reach the lost and straying with the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout North America. To assist in seeking to serve the many opportunities available, Home Missions has four mission counselors and two cross cultural consultants. The latter are for Asian ministry, especially Hmong, and Spanish language efforts.



Grace is one congregation at TWO places!

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



This Week at Grace • Jan 20-Jan 27

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

TODAY MISSION FESTIVAL Worship Services/Communion
• Guest Speaker: Pastor Vogt (Fellowship Hall)
Monday NO Bible Study at Vail Golf Club NO English as a Second Language Classes Pastors' Institute in Glendale, AZ Mon-Tues (Pastor Koehler, Pastor Kassulke, Pastor Clemons and Pastor Rieke will be attending)
Tuesday Handbell Practice5:30p English as a Second Language Classes6:30p

Wednesday NO Midweek Bible Studies
Thursday Women's Bible Study: <i>Philippians</i>
Sunday Worship Services
Lifeliners (High School Group): Bible Study9:00a Adult Bible Study: • The Life of Christ: Jesus' Miracles (Fellowship Hall)9:00a Grace-Vail Bible Study at Cottonwood Elementary9:00a
Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem9:00a Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary10:00a Grace-Vail Neighborhood Survey

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

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

830 N. First Avenue Tucson, Arizona 85719

Phone 623-6633 Fax 623-1514

Grace Website GraceTucsonWELS.com

Administrative Assistant

Cora Kosanke office@gracetucsonwels.com

Pastors

At Grace-University

Ronald G. Koehler, III revrgk3@gracetucsonwels.com

Nathan P. Kassulke revnpk@gracetucsonwels.com

Samuel M. Clemons revsmc@gracetucsonwels.com

At Grace-Vail

Colin M. Rieke revcmr@gracetucsonwels.com

Bible-Based Counselor

Cinda Drescher cinda@gracetucsonwels.com Phone 882-3773

Music Coordinator

Beth Kassulke music@gracetucsonwels.com Phone 293-2935

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.

Ordering Altar Flowers

If you would like to help beautify the Sunday worship services by signing up to order flowers, the flower binder is in the front entryway under the glass sign board. Information about ordering is located on the front cover.



Chupala Lunch!

The Lifeliners (our high school youth group) invite you to join them after the 10:00 AM worship service for their annual Chupala Lunch. Chupala is a delicious chicken and bean dish with Southwestern spices that is served with tortillas and taco fixings. The Lifeliners appreciate your donations which will support their activities. We also hope that you enjoy not only the meal but also the time in the company of your fellow Christians.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Acts 4:23-31 Luke 4:14-21

Sermon Text & Theme

Luke 4:14-21 The Messiah Revealed

2012 Offering Statements Available

Those who use the offering envelopes for their giving to the Lord will find a year-end 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. 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. This statement may be useful if you choose to itemize tax deductions. Offerings to Grace are charitable donations.

Grace-Vail Update

We are very thankful for the assistance of 8 students from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary who were in Tucson to help with our efforts at Grace-Vail. Paul Krueger, Bryant Laude, Gunnar Ledermann, Steven Pelischek, James Roecker, Caleb Schultz, Jason Williams, and Nathan Wordell met a number of our neighbors and invited them to worship with us. They received credit from the Seminary for their work here during the "Winterim" session between semesters of classroom study. We pray that God would continue to bless their work at the seminary.

ALA Boys Basketball & Senior Night

There are no ALA boys basketball games in Tucson this year. But, on Tuesday, January 29 (at ALA) you can watch James Pauley (Freshman team), Josiah Weinstein (JV team) & Tyler Koehler (Varsity team) all play on the same night. Games are at 4:00, 5:30 & 7:00.

Friday, Feb 1 is Senior Night at ALA for Tyler Koehler and Ariana Weinstein (Cheer). Come cheer on our Grace members at our high school. ALA is located at 6036 S. 27th Avenue in Phoenix. Need more information? Call Jeff Weinstein at 909-7649.

Come and Join Worship Choir!

Worship Choir just started up last week so it's not too late to join. Practice is this Thursday, January 24 at 6:30 PM in the Grace-University basement. We will reflect on the birth of our Savior, and through Lent, follow Him on His path to Calvary until we celebrate His resurrection on Easter day—all in music and song! All those confirmation age and up are welcome to join!

Partnering With Your Community

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the Kingdom Workers' annual Spiritual Renewal Event this Saturday, January 26 at Calvary Lutheran Church, 1270 N. Dobson Rd. in Chandler, AZ. A continental breakfast will be served starting at 7:45 AM and the meeting will start at 9:00 AM. Registration forms, including further details, can be found in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions contact Jerry Hoeft at 825-4763.

Countdown to Kindergarten

<u>Countdown to Kindergarten</u> along with a <u>Sneak Peek at 1st Grade</u> will be held at Redeemer Lutheran School (8845 N. Silverbell Rd) on <u>Monday</u>, <u>January 28</u> beginning with a pizza dinner at 5:30 PM. Our preschool and Kindergarten students will perform at 6:00 PM followed by activities for the kids while parents get valuable information on Kindergarten, 1st grade, our curriculum, tuition assistance, tax credits and registration. Please call 572-8136 to RSVP.

Christian Fellowship Special Presentation—February 9

Please mark your calendar for a noontime potluck and special presentation Saturday, February 9 in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall. A representative from Bring Funeral Home will be our guest speaker. More details about the presentation will be available in next Sunday's bulletin. *The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and older with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis.*

Women of Grace Valentine Tea—February 16

The Women of Grace will hold their annual Valentine Tea Saturday, February 16 at 11:30 AM in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker is Marilyn Miller, Deaconess, from Abiding Word, Houston, TX. The title of her presentation is "Self-Esteem vs. Christ-Esteem." There is a sign-up sheet available in the Fellowship Hall if you are able to host a table or bring sandwiches, desserts or your own teapot.

Please RSVP by February 11 to Dianne Kramm (440-8564) or the Church Office (623-6633) if you plan to attend. This invitation has been sent to the other WELS churches in Tucson. It should be a wonderful presentation so please invite your girl friends. Questions? Contact Diane Kramm (440-8564) or Sue Sargent (647-3049).

Thank You

Geri DeRosa would like to thank those of you who said prayers, sent cards and gave well wishes during her recent surgery and recovery.

Apache Clothing Drive

A site has been chosen for our fourth delivery of clothing to our Apache Christian friends. The contact pastor on the White River Reservation is genuinely receptive to the idea. A tentative date has been arranged for some time after the snow melts up there. Where will this be? Who is the contact pastor? How great is the need? Hey, good questions! Stay tuned for future announcements to learn the answers. Do you know what a donative is or what donatives are? If you're unsure, ask Webster. Once you know, then you'll understand why they are still needed and why the donees think you're so GREAT. One final question: has your interest been piqued?