

Fourth Sunday in Lent



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
March 30, 2014





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.

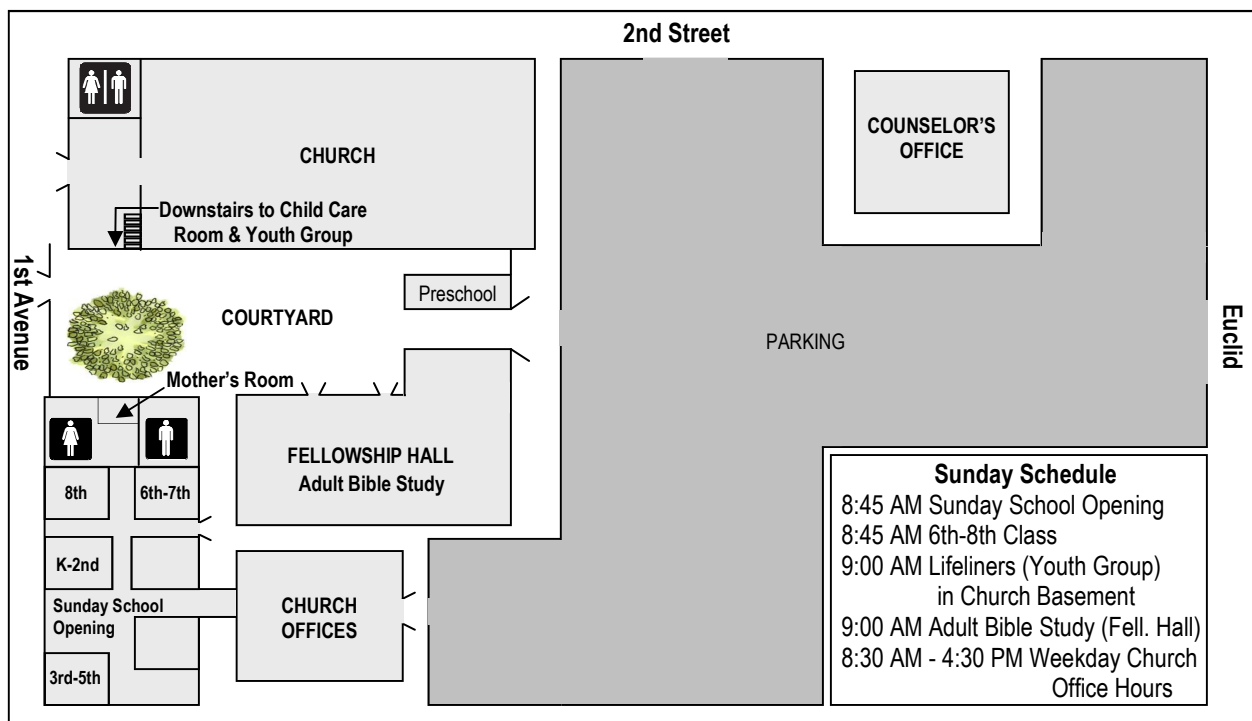
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



DIVINE SERVICE II

New Service Settings

WELCOME

HYMN

To Your Temple I Draw Near
Christian Worship #226

Please stand

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

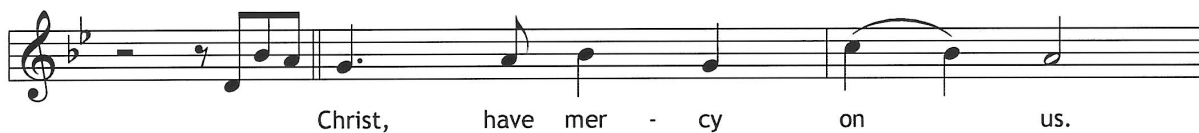
CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.



C: I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.



C: 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.**

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

I Will Sing of the Mercies
Arr. by Carol Tornquist

10:00 AM—

The Lamb
Played by the Handbell Choir

Lord Have Mercy:
Music by Kermit Moldenhauer. © 2002 Northwestern Publishing House.

GLORY BE TO GOD
Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14

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

(Sung to the tune of "Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness," Christian Worship #376)



1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
4 You, Christ, as ho - ly — Lord a - lone;

Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,
You take all hu - man sin a - way.
The Fa - ther's glo - ry you made known.

We praise you for your peace and grace,
For all, O Fa - ther, you have done
Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;
We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:

Your fa - vor toward our fall - en race.
Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
"All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

VOICES OF GRACE (10:00 AM)

As the Deer

*As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after You.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.
You alone are my strength, my shield: to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.*

*You're my friend, and You are my brother, even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other, so much more than anything.
You alone are my strength, my shield; to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.*

*I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver and the apple of my eye.
You alone are my strength, my shield; to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.*

*And I long to worship You, O Lord. You're the One I cherish and adore.
And I long to love You more and more, my Lord, O my Lord.*

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:1-10 (NIV)

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit. Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature

desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God. You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

VERSE OF THE DAY *(Sung by the Voices of Grace Choir)*

John 3:16 (NIV)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Please stand

GOSPEL

Matthew 20:17-28 (NIV)

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

M: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter twenty.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

Now as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside and said to them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!" Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. "What is it you want?" he asked. She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom." "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?"

"We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father." When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Love Divine, All Love Excelling
Christian Worship #365

SERMON

Romans 8:1-10
We Are Not Condemned by God!

Please stand

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.



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

**OFFERTORY
MUSIC:**

*Nettleton
Arr. by Victor
Labenske*

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.

Please be seated

OFFERING

Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation's work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God's kingdom.

Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the row and pass it along. Thank You!

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH—LENT

M: Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

C: **We confess that without your love we are lost.**

M: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

C: **Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

M: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

C: **By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

M: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

C: **Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

- M: Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.
- C: **Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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

Please be seated

HYMN

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Christian Worship #340

Please stand

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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

CLOSING HYMN

Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly Christian Worship #484

Voices of Grace will sing the first stanza.

The congregation may join in singing stanzas 2 & 3, with an interlude between them.



Choir 1. Broth - ers, sis - ters, let us glad - ly Give to God our all, our best —
Cong. 2. By his mer - cy, by his boun - ty, By the gift of Christ, his Son,
Cong. 3. Gra - cious Lord, ac - cept our ser - vice For the sake of Christ, your Son;
Ser - vice heart - y, thor - ough, hon - est, With a liv - ing love im - pressed.
What great good - ness he has shown us, What high mar - vels he has done!
Lo, our hope a - bides now on - ly In the right - eous - ness he won.
All our du - ty, all our striv - ing, All our time to him be - long;
Let us to him prompt - ly, free - ly, Yield our bod - ies and our souls,
Bless and save us; help and guide us; Watch to com - fort and re - store
Praise him, then, with true de - vo - tion; Come be - fore him with a song.
Thank - ful that his love pro - tects us, That his wis - dom all con - trols.
Till in heav'n we rest re - joic - ing, Prais - ing you for - ev - er - more.

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

POSTLUDE:

*Great is Thy
Faithfulness
Arr. by Thomas O
Chisholm, William
M. Runyan*

*Divine Service II:
Text for Glory Be to
God by Stephen P.
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Preacher Pastor Ron Koehler
Worship Leader Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM)
Accompanist Kathy Parra
Voices of Grace & Handbell Choir Director Beth Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Violin Maya Parra (10:00 AM)
Guitar Jim Goldie (10:00 AM)
Ushers Vic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)
Dave Breitreitz, Ed Ethington, Dylan Guenther (10:00 AM)
Ferdie Kramm, James Pauley, Josiah Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech Chris Stuhr (10:00 AM)

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Open House at Redeemer Lutheran School

Saturday, April 5, Redeemer Lutheran School (8845 N Silverbell Rd) will host an Open House from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. If you have children ages preschool through 8th grade, this is a good opportunity to see what Redeemer's Christian education can offer your child. There will be food, fun activities, and prizes for the whole family. You can find flyers about the Open House in the Fellowship Hall and posted in the courtyard. If you have any questions about this event please call Sally at 572-8136.



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

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



This Week at Grace • Mar 30-Apr 6

*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
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*.....9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• *Jesus' Last Days*.....9:00a
• *Grow in Grace Class* (Office) Non-Members Only9:00a
Grace-Vail Bible Study: Rev. Rich Kogler.....9:00a
Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem......9:00a
Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary..... 10:00a
WELS TCM Bible Study: *Eegee's & an Epistle: 2 Peter*.....

Monday

Bible Study at Vail Golf Club.....9:00a
English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p

Tuesday

Precious Lambs at the Riekes.....9:30a-11:30a
Handbell Practice 5:00p
English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p

Wednesday

Midweek Lenten Worship..... 10:00a
Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall6:00-6:45p
Midweek Lenten Worship.....7:00p

Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *The Narrow Lutheran Middle* 9:00a
Boy & Girl Pioneers6:30p

Saturday

Redeemer Lutheran School Open House 11:00a-1:00p
Christian Fellowship Potluck at Grace-University..... 12:00p

Sunday

Worship Services/Communion..... 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services
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• *Grow in Grace Class* (Office) Non-Members Only 9:00a
Grace-Vail Bible Study at Cottonwood Elementary..... 9:00a
Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem...... 9:00a
Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary..... 10:00a
WELS TCM Bible Study: *A Matter of Interpretation?*.....7:00p

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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.

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 Carl & Suzanne Lien. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

2 Kings 4:18-37
Romans 8:11-19
John 11:17-27, 38-45

Sermon Text & Theme

John 11:17-27, 38-45
The Death and Resurrection of a Friend

Precious Lambs Playgroup

Children (ages birth to age 5) are invited to come play along with their parent or caregiver on **Tuesday, April 1** from **9:30-11:30AM**. We will meet at the Rieke's house (4282 S. Mayberry Pl, 85730) 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 April 8 at the Kassulke's house, 5980 N Edenbrook Ln, 85741.)

Member Feedback Meeting Update

The Grace pastors and Church Council appreciate the 100 people who participated in the three recent MFMs. We were pleased to share with the congregation information about the requests of Peace, Sahuarita and Bethlehem, Benson to join our ministry as additional Grace sites. We were disappointed that we did not have more time for discussion. We encourage you to speak to any of the pastors or members of the church council for further information or to offer concerns or suggestions. We are planning more of these meetings as soon as we are able to assemble some of the specific financial information that was requested by those who attended the meetings. Please watch for announcements about those upcoming meetings as we continue to consider these opportunities the Lord has placed before us.

Pastor Koehler Called to Serve Peace Vacancy

Peace Lutheran Church in Sahuarita, AZ has been without a pastor since last summer. In the case of a pastoral vacancy, a vacancy pastor is typically called to provide necessary pastoral service to the congregation. The circuit pastor from Sierra Vista, AZ had been serving in this capacity, but will be completing his service on April 1.

After consulting with the other pastors and Grace's church council, Pastor Koehler has accepted Peace's call to serve as their vacancy pastor. In this case, he is asked to assist in scheduling preachers for their worship services, attend council meetings, make hospital visits and keep some office hours one day a week at Peace (this might include counseling, teaching a Bible class, etc.). He intends to begin serving on April 2 and spend time at Peace on Wednesdays. He will continue with his normal work at Grace during this time.

This is normal practice in our WELS congregations and is not related to our congregation's current discussions with Peace about possibly joining our ministries. Please keep the members of Peace in your prayers during their vacancy and as they await further discussions with Grace.

GRACE MISSION UPDATE

Peace Sahuarita Request

Peace has asked Grace to consider merging our ministries and making their congregation another Grace site.

- † Grace council is responding to member feedback by preparing financial information to share with our congregation. Member Feedback Meetings will be scheduled to share that information.
- † Pastor Koehler has accepted a Divine Call to serve as Peace's Vacancy Pastor.

Bethlehem Benson Request

Bethlehem has asked Grace to consider taking on their ministry, making them another Grace site.

- † Grace council is responding to member feedback by preparing financial information to share with our congregation. Member Feedback Meetings will be scheduled to share that information.
- † Pastor Rieke has accepted a Divine Call to serve as Bethlehem's Vacancy Pastor.

Grace-Vail Mission Funding

The WELS Board for Home Missions has partnered with Grace from the beginning of our work in Vail (\$35K/year).

- † Grace's request for a 2014-2015 fiscal year grant (\$65,000) will be considered April 3-4, 2014.
- † A BHM representative has spoken with both Pastor Rieke and Pastor Koehler in order that he might correctly present and support our request before the BHM.

Grace-Vail Facility Commitment Boards

Commitment Boards at both Grace-Vail and Grace-University allow members to remove a card indicating the amount of a gift they will add to their weekly offerings so that we might move our worship from a rented multi-purpose room in a school to a leased worship and ministry center. These commitments are anonymous but allow us to know when the financial need for the move has been met.

- † Approximately \$4700 per month is needed for us to make this move. Just over half of that has been committed so far.

Vail Commitment Board

We are continuing to pursue the possibility of moving Grace-Vail out of Cottonwood Elementary School and into a seven-days-a-week retail space. The cost of operating a new full-time location is approximately \$4,700/month more than our Sunday morning rental cost. We are asking members of Grace to prayerfully consider increasing their regular, ongoing offerings to cover this difference. We rolled out a Vail Commitment Board in February which will help keep track of these commitments. There are still a number of different commitment cards for people to take ranging from \$2.50/week to \$50.00/week (in addition to current regular offerings). These card can be taken to serve as a reminder for individual members and also to allow Grace to track the congregation's commitment. Once you have prayerfully considered what you can support, please take a commitment card and begin adding that commitment to your regular offering. No other steps are necessary.

You will find the commitment board in the Grace-University Courtyard.

Pastor Rieke Called to Serve Bethlehem Vacancy

Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Benson, AZ has been served as a preaching station over the years (minimal day-to-day ministry, just worship on the weekends). They no longer have a pastor serving in this capacity and have called Pastor Rieke to conduct weekend services for them. After consulting with the other pastors and the Grace Church Council, he has agreed to serve as their Vacancy Pastor.

Lenten Services and Suppers



Our Lenten theme this year is "From Garden to Glory." We are considering scriptural gardens—from Eden to Gethsemane to Christ's garden of glory and finally to paradise. Texts from Genesis, the gospels, and Revelation show the promise in each garden and how God's plan for our salvation is in each glorious location.

April 2

"The Garden of Peace"

April 9

"The Garden of Paradise"

Worship Times:

10:00 AM and 7:00 PM at Grace-University

Lenten Supper:

6:00 PM

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 17, 10 AM &
7 PM at Grace-University

Good Friday

Friday, April 18, 7 PM
at Grace-University

Tenebrae Service

(Service of Darkness)

Worshippers are asked to leave this church service in silence, leaving in stillness and darkness until the dawn of a glorious Easter Day. Please visit with friends and family prior to entering church for worship.



Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 20
at Grace-University

Sunrise Worship—7 AM

Easter Breakfast—8 AM

Easter Concert—9 AM

Festival Worship—10 AM

Easter Sunday

at Grace-Vail

Easter Breakfast—9 AM

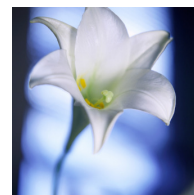
Festival Worship—10 AM

Easter for Kids

Easter for Kids will be held at Grace-University on Saturday, April 12 from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Children ages 2-12 are invited to join us for an Easter Bible lesson, singing, crafts, lunch, and hunting Easter eggs. The event is free, but please register using the forms available in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall or online at www.GraceTucsonWELS.com/e4kregistration. The registration forms include an invitation for you to pass along to friends. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help out, please speak to Pastor Kassulke.

Easter Lilies!

If you would like to buy an Easter lily to beautify worship on Easter Sunday (April 20), please sign the sheet located in the front or side entryways of church. Lilies are \$8 each (make checks payable to "Grace Lutheran Church"). Please put your payment in an envelope marked "Easter Lilies" and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office.



Easter Breakfast

The Easter breakfast at Grace-University this year (April 20) will consist of pancakes, sausage, and orange juice, graciously made and served by the Lifeliners. If you have a spare griddle or electric skillet, please bring it to the kitchen. **Members are asked to bring fruit to share. If you have a few minutes to help clean up following the breakfast it would be greatly appreciated!** Please contact Laura Lipke with any questions at 742-0211.

Christian Fellowship Group Potluck

Mission to the children's history of Christian compassion dates back to the early 1990's to one small village with 13 families and 25 children. \$60 worth of food a month was distributed. Today the Gospel is brought to more than 1,000 children from some 600 families in 13 villages. More than \$5,000 worth of food is distributed each month. Worship services and Bible studies have been added to this outreach effort at the request of the people in those villages. Come and learn more on Saturday, April 5. It's a Christian Fellowship Group Meeting starting at noon with a potluck dinner. Bring a food item to share. One of the founders of this program, Ruth Schaller, is the featured presenter. This is an inspiring story. We hope you can make it! *The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and better with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis.*

Support Lutheran Education

Did you know that you can still make a donation to the HELP Scholarship Foundation and claim it as a credit on your 2013 Arizona Income Tax Return? Until April 15 your donation may be credited to either the 2013 or the 2014 tax year. Donation forms are available in the Fellowship Hall. The Arizona Tuition Tax Credit is a valuable opportunity for us to support Lutheran education. You may recommend that your donation be applied to a particular student if you choose, so you can directly support our students at Lutheran schools. A list of Grace students can be seen in the courtyard display case or you may call the church office. Please contact Stephanie Weinstein (909-8022) if you have questions about using the Tuition Tax Credit.

Congregation Open House Invitation

This year's Youth Confirmation is Sunday, May 4. Four eighth graders (Lucas Guenther, Jon Miller, Caleb Prigge and Dustin Pauley) will be confirmed in the 10:00 AM worship service.

The Grace congregation is invited to an open house hosted by the confirmand families from 4:00-7:00 PM that afternoon (May 4) in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall. It will be catered by El Molinito. **Please RSVP to Teri Guenther (235-1177) by April 28 if you plan to attend so enough food can be ordered.**

Grace Photo Directories Are Here!

The *Lifetouch* photo directories are here! Members who participated can find their copy of the directory in the northwest corner of the Grace-University Fellowship Hall. For members at Grace-Vail, you may ask Pastor Rieke for your copy. If you did not have your picture taken but would like a directory, they are available for \$10 in the church office.

A very big thank you to Marsha Hoffman for all the work she did getting the picture directory put together. Thanks also goes to the many volunteers who helped Marsha along the way.

Thank You

A big thank you to Rev. Rich Kogler, our Christian Giving Counselor for the AZ/CA District of the WELS, for being our guest preacher and for presenting during our Bible study hour this morning at Grace-Vail.

