

# Fifth Sunday of Easter



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
May 18, 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.

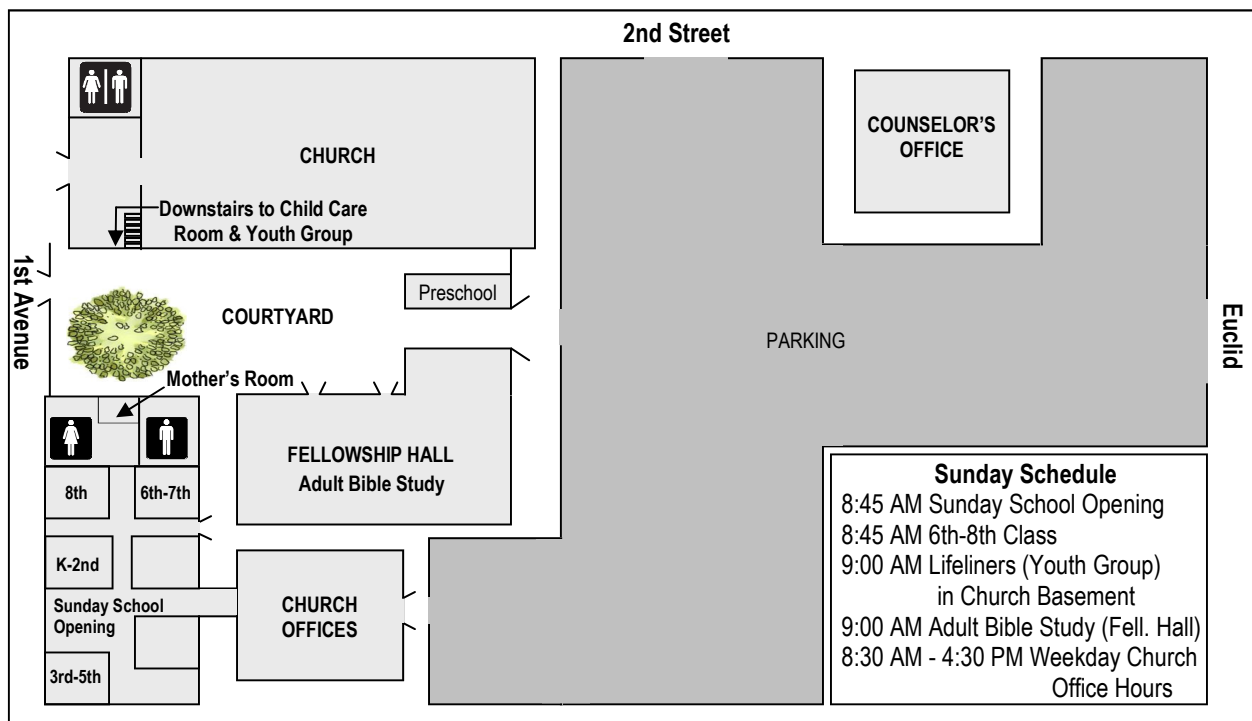
**Hymns** are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

**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](http://www.GraceTucsonWELS.com)



**DIVINE SERVICE II**  
*Christian Worship Supplement*

**PRESERVICE MUSIC:**

**10:00 AM—**  
*Toccata in F Major*  
*By D. Buxtehude*

*For Builders Bold*  
*Whose Vision Pure*  
*Setting by Kermit*  
*Moldenhauer*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR (10:00 AM)**

**He is the Way**

*God sent His Son to be our Savior;*  
*He is the Way; He is the Truth; He is the Life.*  
*He gave His life that we might be set free;*  
*He is the Way; He is the Truth; He is the Life.*  
*Rose from the grave that we might live again;*  
*He is the Way; He is the Truth; He is the Life.*

**WELCOME**

**HYMN**

**Father, We Praise You**  
*Christian Worship #581*

*Please stand*

**INVOCATION**

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

Congregation: Amen.

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

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.

**LORD, HAVE MERCY—Kyrie**

*Mark 10:47*

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

*Kyrie is the Greek word for Lord. The expression "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian Church.*

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

## GLORY BE TO GOD

Luke 2:14

### Gloria in Excelsis

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

*(Sung to the tune of "I Know that My Redeemer Lives," Christian Worship #152)*



1. All glo - ry be to God on high! Your name, O  
2. Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring, For your great  
3. O Lamb of God, to you we pray. You take all  
4. You, Christ, are ho - ly Lord a - lone; The Fa - ther's

Lord, we glo - ri - fy; We praise you for your peace and  
glo - ry, heav'n - ly King, For all, O Fa - ther, you have  
hu - man sin a - way. Have mer - cy, Lord; Re - ceive our  
glo - ry you made known. We by your Spir - it sing a -

grace, Your fav - or toward our fall - en race.  
done Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.  
prayer; From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.  
gain: "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.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; 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 (7:45 AM—Continue on the bottom of page 3 with the First Lesson)*

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:00 AM)

**M:** In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought Thomas to be baptized. Jesus told us: “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” It is in baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God’s Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

**M:** Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart (†) to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

Thomas James Stevens, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

### EXHORTATION

**M:** Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Thomas may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

**C:** Yes, as God gives me strength.

**M:** Let us pray: Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on Thomas and grant him a rich measure of your Spirit that he may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

### FIRST LESSON

#### 1 Kings 18:16-45 (NIV)

So Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him, and Ahab went to meet Elijah. When he saw Elijah, he said to him, “Is that you, you troubler of Israel?” “I have not made trouble for Israel,” Elijah replied. “But you and your father’s family have. You have abandoned the LORD’s commands and have followed the Baals. Now summon the people from all over Israel to meet me on Mount Carmel. And bring the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel’s table.”

So Ahab sent word throughout all Israel and assembled the prophets on Mount Carmel. Elijah went before the people and said, “How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.” But the people said nothing. Then Elijah said to them, “I am the only one of the LORD’s prophets left, but Baal has four hundred and fifty prophets. Get two bulls for us. Let them choose one for themselves, and let them cut it into pieces and put it on the wood but not set fire to it.

*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.*

*Scripture lesson continues on page 4.*

I will prepare the other bull and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD. The god who answers by fire—he is God.” Then all the people said, “What you say is good.” Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose one of the bulls and prepare it first, since there are so many of you. Call on the name of your god, but do not light the fire.” So they took the bull given them and prepared it. Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. “O Baal, answer us!” they shouted. But there was no response; no one answered. And they danced around the altar they had made. At noon Elijah began to taunt them. “Shout louder!” he said. “Surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened.” So they shouted louder and slashed themselves with swords and spears, as was their custom, until their blood flowed. Midday passed, and they continued their frantic prophesying until the time for the evening sacrifice. But there was no response, no one answered, no one paid attention. Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come here to me.” They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the LORD, which was in ruins. Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, “Your name shall be Israel.” With the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD, and he dug a trench around it large enough to hold two seahs of seed. He arranged the wood, cut the bull into pieces and laid it on the wood. Then he said to them, “Fill four large jars with water and pour it on the offering and on the wood.” “Do

it again,” he said, and they did it again. “Do it a third time,” he ordered, and they did it the third time. The water ran down around the altar and even filled the trench. At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: “O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. Answer me, O LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again.” Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, “The LORD—he is God! The LORD—he is God!” Then Elijah commanded them, “Seize the prophets of Baal. Don’t let anyone get away!” They seized them, and Elijah had them brought down to the Kishon Valley and slaughtered there. And Elijah said to Ahab, “Go, eat and drink, for there is the sound of a heavy rain.” So Ahab went off to eat and drink, but Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel, bent down to the ground and put his face between his knees. “Go and look toward the sea,” he told his servant. And he went up and looked. “There is nothing there,” he said. Seven times Elijah said, “Go back.” The seventh time the servant reported, “A cloud as small as a man’s hand is rising from the sea.” So Elijah said, “Go and tell Ahab, ‘Hitch up your chariot and go down before the rain stops you.’” Meanwhile, the sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose, a heavy rain came on and Ahab rode off to Jezreel.



## SECOND LESSON


1 Peter 2:4-10 (NIV)

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone,”

and, “A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Romans 10:17



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the mes - sage is heard through the

Word of Christ. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:1-12 (NIV)

M: The Gospel according to John chapter fourteen.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to

be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life.

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

*Scripture lesson continues on page 6.*

No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the

Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation  
*Christian Worship #531*

## SERMON

1 Peter 2:4-10

Christ Is Our Cornerstone  
1. On Him Alone We Build  
2. For Him Above We Serve

*Please stand*

## NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Please be seated*

*The Nicene Creed was first developed in 325 at the First Council of Nicea. It was written to reaffirm the Biblical teaching of the divinity of Jesus, God's Son. Like the Apostles' and Athanasian Creeds, the Nicene Creed is a confession of what the Bible teaches.*



## 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—EASTER SEASON

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.

## THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.



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

### OFFERTORY MUSIC:

**10:00 AM—**  
*Kirken Den Er Et  
Gammelt Hus  
By T. Beck*

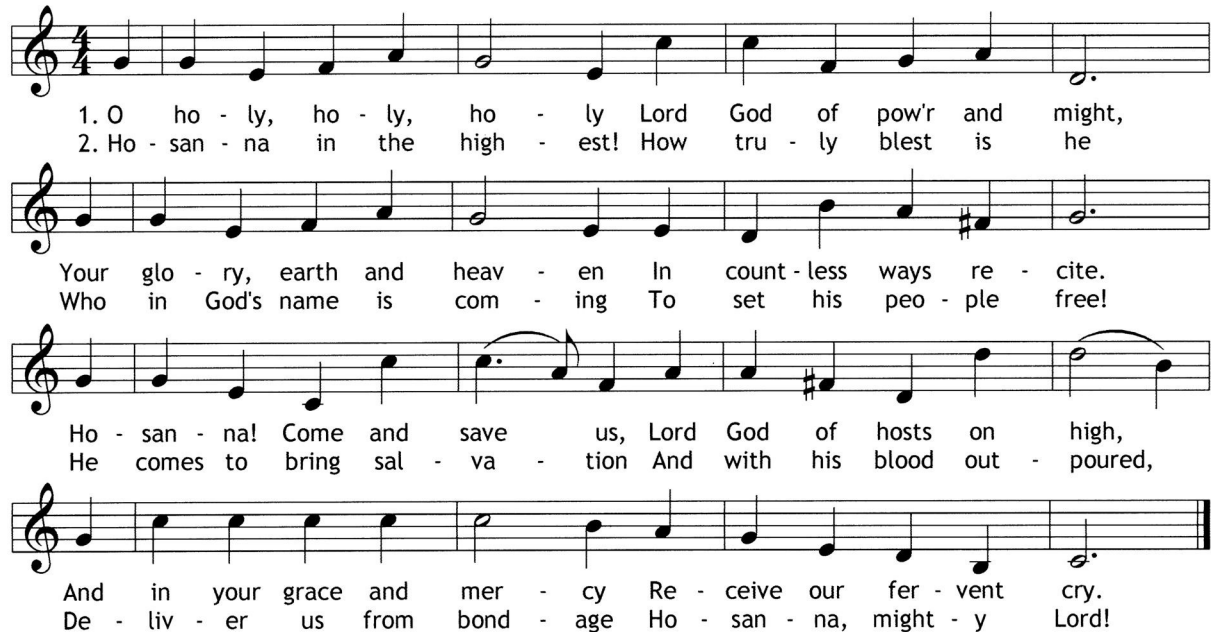
M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who rose from the dead in glorious triumph to bring forgiveness to the world and everlasting life to all who believe. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Sung to the tune of  
"The Day of  
Resurrection,"  
Christian Worship  
#166

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

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



1. O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might,  
2. Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is he

Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In count - less ways re - cite.  
Who in God's name is com - ing To set his peo - ple free!

Ho - san - na! Come and save us, Lord God of hosts on high,  
He comes to bring sal - va - tion And with his blood out - poured,

And in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.  
De - liv - er us from bond - age Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.  
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.  
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.  
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

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.

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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26:26-28  
1 Corinthians 11:24, 25

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.

## LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*

John 1:29

C: Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us your peace. A - men.

*Please be seated*

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

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 the pastor 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.

## DISTRIBUTION MUSIC (10:00 AM)

In You Is Gladness

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN (10:00 AM)

Built on the Rock  
Christian Worship #529

Please stand

## SONG OF SIMEON

Luke 2:29-32

### Nunc Dimittis

Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction.  
(Sung to the tune of "Come unto Me, Ye Weary," Christian Worship #336)



1. O Lord, now let your ser - vant De - part in peace, as - sured: For  
2. All glo - ry to the Fath - er, All glo - ry to the Son, All

I have seen your prom - ised in - car - nate, sav - ing Word — A  
glo - ry to the Spir - it, For - ev - er three in one; For

Light that will en - light - en All gloom where Gen - tles dwell; The  
as in the be - gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's

bril - liant, crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!  
tri - une name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## PRAYER

**M:** We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, 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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CLOSING HYMN

**Christ Is Our Cornerstone**  
*Christian Worship #528*

## THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

<b>Preacher</b> .....	Pastor Ron Koehler
<b>Worship Leader</b> .....	Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)
<b>Communion Assistants</b> .....	Pastor Mark Hallemeyer (10:00 AM)
	Outreach Elder, Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)
<b>Accompanist</b> .....	Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM)
	Tina Christianson (10:00 AM)
<b>Distribution Music</b> .....	Gloria Gerdts (10:00 AM)
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Vic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)
	Mark Christianson, Jon Dongoske, Danny Koehler (10:00 AM)
	Taylor Parra, Dustin Pauley, Rick Street (10:00 AM)
<b>Sound &amp; Recording Tech</b> .....	Jay Pauley (10:00 AM)
<b>Altar Prep Team</b> .....	Elaine Goldie, Karen Grorud, Gisela Kittel

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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:

**10:00 AM—**  
*The Heavens Are  
Telling*  
By Ludwig Van  
Beethoven

## Lifeline Bake Sale

Next Sunday, May 25, the Lifeliners who are participating in our trip to the WELS International Youth Rally will be hosting a bake sale. The sale will take place in the Courtyard during the cookie fellowship following our 10:00 worship service. All funds raised will be used to pay for this trip, which will include a visit to the Creation Museum in Kentucky. The Rally and Museum are unique opportunities for our young people to be encouraged in their faith. Your prayers and support are appreciated. If you are not able to join us for the bake sale, please consider a donation to the Lifeline Fund.

## May Voters' Meeting

The next Voters' Meeting for our congregation is scheduled for Thursday, May 29, at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall. This meeting date has been changed from our recent practice of scheduling meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Packets of reports are available at the church exits and Fellowship Hall to help voters prepare for the meeting and to keep all our members informed. Informational booklets from the recent Member Feedback Meetings are also available in the Fellowship Hall.



**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 18-May 25

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

### TODAY

Worship Services/Communion..... 7:45 & 10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship Following Both Services.....  
Children's Sunday School..... 8:45a  
Youth Confirmation Class..... 8:45a  
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*..... 9:00a  
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):  
• *Jesus' Last Days*..... 9:00a  
• *Grow in Grace Class* (Office) Non-Members Only..... 9:00a  
**Grace-Vail Bible Study Cottonwood Elementary**..... 9:00a  
**Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem.**..... 9:00a  
**Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary**..... 10:00a

### Monday

Bible Study at Vail Golf Club..... 9:00a

### Wednesday

Financial Peace University at Grace-University..... 6:30p  
**Bible Study at the Prigge's**..... 7:00p

### Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *The Narrow Lutheran Middle*..... 9:00a

### Friday

Redeemer Closing Service..... 10:30a  
ALA Commencement Concert in Phoenix..... 7:00p

### Saturday

ALA Graduation..... 10:00a

### Sunday

Worship Services..... 7:45 & 10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship Following Both Services.....  
Children's Sunday School..... 8:45a  
Youth Confirmation Class..... 8:45a  
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*..... 9:00a  
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):  
• *Jesus' Last Days*..... 9:00a  
• *Grow in Grace Class* (Office) Non-Members Only..... 9:00a  
**Grace-Vail Bible Study Cottonwood Elementary**..... 9:00a  
**Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem.**..... 9:00a  
**Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary**..... 10:00a

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## Welcome Grace Guests!

If you are a guest at Grace today, we are very happy to have you worship with us! If you would like more information about Grace or have questions about becoming a member of our congregation, please visit the Welcome Table in the courtyard. If this is your first time at Grace, please stop there to pick up a gift just for being our guest this morning.

## Holy Communion

There are before-communion and after-communion prayers in our Christian Worship hymnal on p. 11, and a personal preparation guide on p.156 to help prepare you to receive the Lord's Supper. If you are a guest with us today, please see p. 10 in today's worship folder under "Distribution" for information about our practice of Member Communion.

## Baptism

Thomas James Stevens, son of Brian and Danielle Stevens, born on May 4, will be made a forgiven child of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in 10:00 AM worship this morning.

## 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 Jeanette O'Donald, Nadine Rentschler and Sandy Weir. 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*

Genesis 4:1-16

1 John 3:11-18

John 14:15-21

### *Sermon Text & Theme*

John 14:15-21

*Because We Love Our Living Lord*

## Vacation Bible School

Grace's summer Vacation Bible School themed *Gangway to Galilee* will be June 16-20, from 9:00 until 11:30 AM at Grace-University. You may register online at [www.gracetucsonwels.com/vbs](http://www.gracetucsonwels.com/vbs).

If you would like to volunteer to assist with VBS, please speak to our coordinator, Cindi Breitreitz (298-9758) or to Pastor Kassulke. Donations for Vacation Bible School are also appreciated.

## Christian Fellowship Presentation and Potluck

Hey, language buffs, which of the following languages is the OFFICIAL language of South Africa? Listed alphabetically, choose Afrikaans, English, Ndebele, Pedi, Sotho, Swazi, Tsonga, Tswana, Venda, Xhosa, Zulu. Give up? Well, according to the Oxford Atlas of the Word, they ALL are! Very interesting, right? For some personal information about that country, mark your calendars for Saturday, June 14 at 12:00 PM. Grace member Reinette van den Berg (she attends our Vail site) will tell us about life in South Africa, having lived there. This will be a noon potluck meeting, so bring something to share. Plan to arrive a tad bit early so we can start promptly at noon.

—Russ Weir, Christian Fellowship President

## Wednesday Bible Studies Suspended

Pastor Clemons will be suspending the Wednesday morning and evening Bible classes until further notice. He is currently undergoing treatment for cancer and plans to resume classes when the treatment is complete.



