

# Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
February 9, 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.

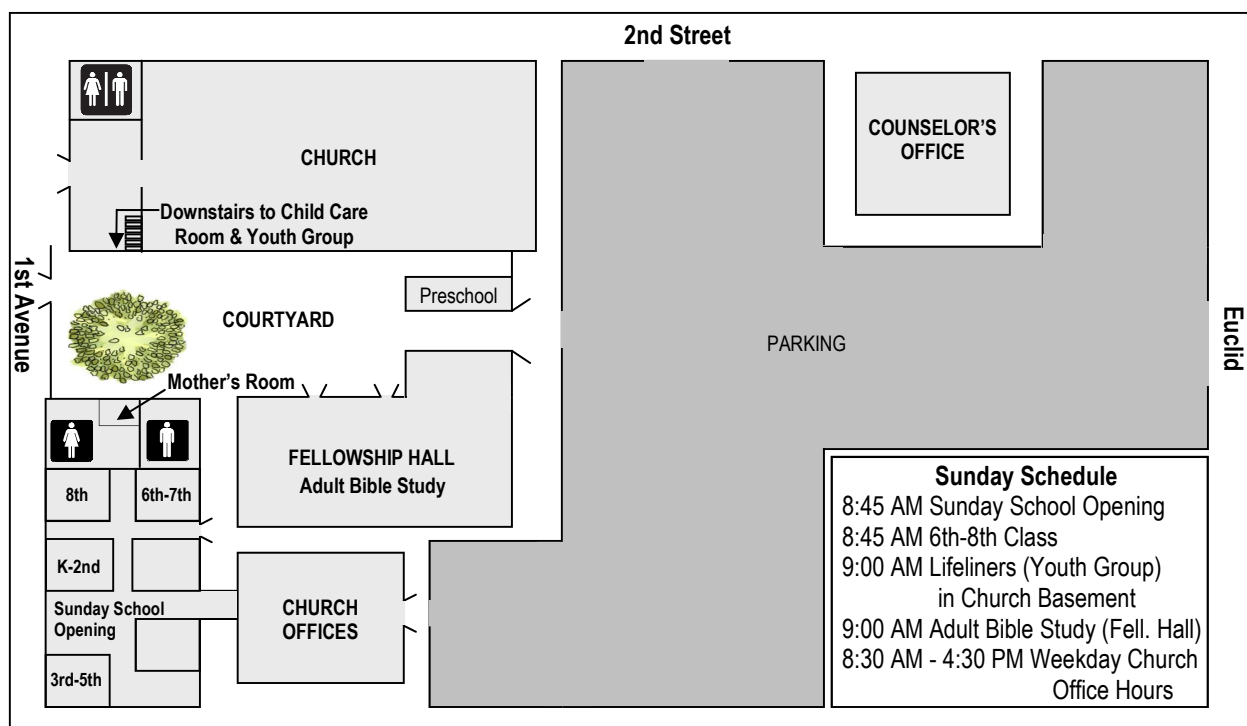
**Hymns** are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

**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 I

## Christian Worship Supplement

VOICES OF GRACE & SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR (10:00 AM)

Let It Shine!

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!*

*You are a light to the world, a city on a hill shining in the night for all to see.*

*So let your light brightly shine that others may see our God who reigns in majesty.*

*God is light, and in Him is no darkness. God is light, the pure and holy Word.*

*If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we shall live eternally.*

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let in shine!*

*You are the salt of the earth, redeemed by Christ's great love.*

*Come and share God's grace for all to see.*

*A healing balm for the sick, a vessel of change for those who long to be set free.*

*God is light, and in Him is no darkness. God is light, the pure and holy Word.*

*If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we shall live eternally.*

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let in shine!*

## WELCOME

## HYMN

O Jesus, King Most Wonderful  
Christian Worship #373

*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. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

*We come before the true God only because of his mercy and not because we deserve to come. We confess our unworthiness and rejoice to hear the assurance of forgiveness.*

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Kyrie*



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.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

## GLORY TO GOD

*Gloria in Excelsis*

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

The text of Gloria in Excelsis (Latin for "Glory in the highest") is an ancient song that echoes the song of the angels in Luke 2:14. It offers praise and thanks to our triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,  
 heav-en-ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we  
 give you thanks we praise you for your glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the  
 high - est and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord Je-sus  
 Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
 sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the  
 right hand of the Father; re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our  
 prayer. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. For  
 you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Please be seated*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

“Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods! It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our fathers up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the

### Joshua 24:14-24 (NIV)

Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God.” Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the LORD. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you.” But the people said to Joshua, “No! We will serve the LORD.” Then Joshua said, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the LORD.” “Yes, we are witnesses,” they replied. “Now then,” said Joshua, “throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” And the people said to Joshua, “We will serve the LORD our God and obey him.”

*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.*

*The vocalist(s) will sing the verses, the congregation may join in the refrains and stanza 7.*

### Refrain



### Psalm Tone



1. Great are the works / of the LORD;\*  
they are pondered by all who de- / light in them.
2. Glorious and majestic / are his deeds,\*  
and his righteousness endures for- / ever.
3. He has caused his wonders to be re- / membered;\*  
the LORD is gracious and com- / passionate.

### Refrain

4. The works of his hands are faith- / ful and just;\*  
all his precepts are trust- / worthy.
5. He provided redemption for his / people;\*  
he ordained his covenant for- / ever.
6. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of / wisdom;\*  
all who follow his precepts have good under- / standing.
7. Glory be to the Father and / to the Son\* and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

### Refrain

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## SECOND LESSON

## 1 Peter 2:9-12 (NIV)

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. Dear

friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

## John 8:12

M: Alleluia. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. Alleluia.

## GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20 (NIV)

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



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

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. I tell you the

truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven."

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



## APOSTLES' CREED

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

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

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

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

## HYMN OF THE DAY

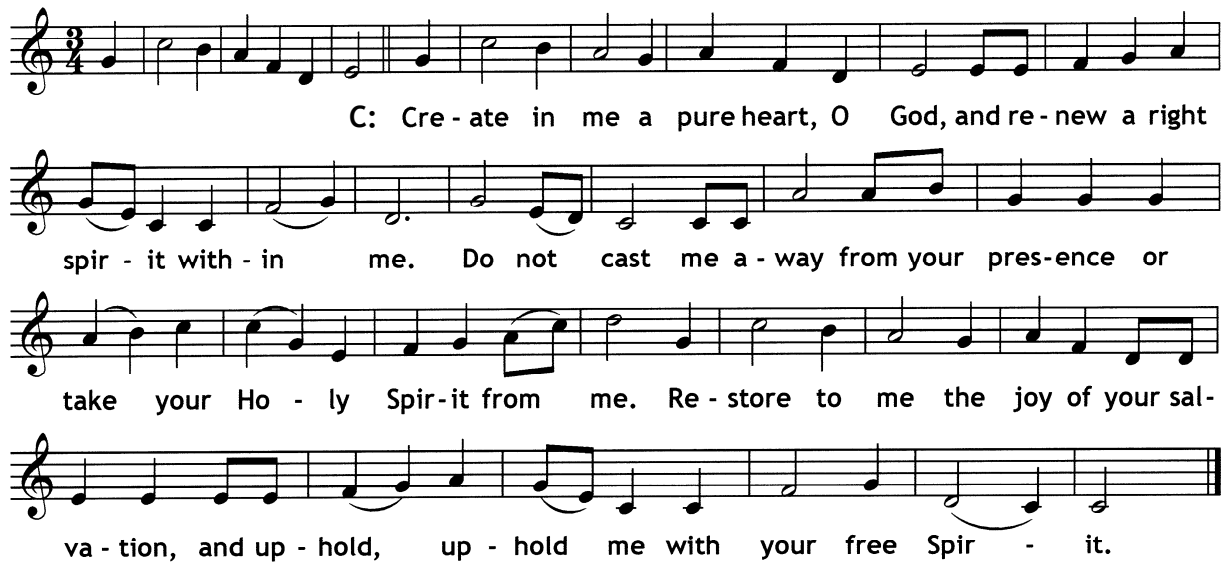
O God of Mercy, God of Might  
Christian Worship #499

## SERMON

Matthew 5:13-16  
Agents of Change

*Please stand*

*After the sermon, please join in singing the response below:*



C: Cre - ate in me a pure heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Do not cast me a - way from your pres - ence or  
take your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal -  
va - tion, and up - hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

*Please be seated*



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your smart phone to  
give online by  
scanning this  
QR code.*

## OFFERTORY MUSIC:

**7:45 AM—**

*Now Let Us All in  
Hymns of Praise  
CWS #777*

**10:00 AM—**

*Andante Tranquillo  
Arr. by Drummond  
Wolff*

## 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—EPIPHANY

**M:** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death.

**C:** You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.



- M: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging.
- C: **You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.**
- M: Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of your salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope.
- C: **Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.**
- M: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn.
- C: **Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.**

*Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

- M: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.
- C: **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.**

*Matthew 6 and Luke 11 record how Jesus taught his disciples to pray. We use his example prayer as part of our public worship, trusting that he will hear and answer our prayers.*

*Please be seated*

## HYMN

**O Master of the Loving Heart**  
*Christian Worship #491*

*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

### CLOSING HYMN

Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways  
*Christian Worship #462*

## THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

**Preacher** ..... Pastor Sam Clemons  
**Worship Leader** ..... Pastor Ron Koehler (10:00 AM)  
**Accompanists** ..... Kathy Parra (7:45 AM)  
Tina Christianson (10:00 AM)  
**Voices of Grace Director** ..... Beth Kassulke (10:00 AM)  
**Sunday School Choir Director** ..... Ariana Weinstein (10:00 AM)  
**Ushers** ..... 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)  
**Sound & Recording Tech** ..... Chris Stuhr (10:00 AM)

*The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So I will put my name on [them], and I will bless them." Numbers 6:27*

### POSTLUDE:

7:45 AM—  
*We Are Singing*  
CWS #732

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

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



## This Week at Grace • Feb 9-Feb 16

\*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 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  
WELS TCM Bible Study: *David: Man After God's Heart*.. 7:00p

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

Precious Lambs at the Wiechmann's.....9:30a-11:30a  
Saguaro Circuit Meeting at Holy Cross ..... 1:00p  
Kindermusik.....5:00p  
Handbell Practice ..... 6:30p  
English as a Second Language Classes ..... 6:30p

### Wednesday

Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* ..... 10:00a  
Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* .....7:00p  
**Bible Study at the Priggies**.....7:00p

### Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *The Narrow Lutheran Middle* ..... 9:00a  
Worship Choir.....6:30p

### Saturday

WOG Valentine Tea at Grace-University..... 11:30a

### Sunday

Worship Services/Communion..... 7:45 & 10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship following both services .....  
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WELS TCM Bible Study: *The Dating Game*.....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.

## New Members

This morning during the 10:00 AM worship service at Grace-Vail, we welcome Jeff, Dawn, Spencer and MacKenzie Hildreth as new members of Grace and ask God's blessings upon them!

## 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 Mark & Julyd Hallemeyer. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

## Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by the Hawkins family in memory of Bruce.

## NEXT SUNDAY

### *Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week*

2 Samuel 11:1-17, 26, 27  
1 Thessalonians 4:1-12  
Matthew 5:21-37

## Precious Lambs Playgroup

Children (ages birth to age 5) are invited to come play along with their parent or caregiver on **Tuesday, February 11** from **9:30-11:30AM**. We will meet at the Wiechmann's home (2361 W Ternero Pl, 85741) 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 February 18 at the Rieke's house, 4282 S Mayberry Pl, 85730.)

## Upcoming Voters' Meeting

The next voters' meeting is Tuesday, February 18 at 7:00 PM. Pastor and Council reports can be found at both exits and in the Fellowship Hall. The report keeps members informed and helps voters prepare for the meeting.

## Women of Grace Valentine Tea—This Saturday, February 15

The Women of Grace will hold their annual Valentine Tea this Saturday, February 15 at 11:30 AM in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker is Rachel John from Escondido, CA. The theme for her presentation is *Keep Your Balance* and the text that she will use is Luke 10:38-42. 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 tomorrow, February 10 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).

## Golf and Fellowship with Redeemer Lutheran Church Members

You are invited to join members of Redeemer for golf and fellowship every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month through May at Crooked Tree Golf Course (9101 N. Thornydale Road). The first tee time will be at 7:30 AM with groups following thereafter. We will play 9 holes of golf. The cost will be \$18 if you walk and \$25 if you ride. Come for the golf or the camaraderie; either way it's sure to be a good time for all! If you have questions, please feel free to contact Greg Stam at 820-8835.

## Faith in Action Team

A team of students from Martin Luther College, our WELS college for those training to be pastors and teachers, will be in Tucson March 7-16 to assist with outreach at Grace. They will be working primarily with Grace-Vail to promote upcoming activities. Please watch for more information about how you can help with the work that they are doing here. You may also make an online donation at [www.kingdomworkers.com/GraceTucsonAZ](http://www.kingdomworkers.com/GraceTucsonAZ) to WELS Kingdom Workers in support of their visit.

## Baby Shower

You are invited to a baby shower for Zhujing "Jing" Yong on Saturday, March 8 at 1:00 PM in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall. The Yongs are registered at Target (they are having a boy). There will be snacks to enjoy. The hostesses are Joan Mazur and Kristin Rieke. If you have questions please contact Joan at 574-3159 or Kristin at 343-8117.



## Mexican Dinner at Grace-University

The *Women of Grace* invite everyone to join them Friday, March 14, between 4:30 and 6:30 PM for the annual Mexican Dinner at Grace-University. *The menu includes:* Sour Cream Enchiladas, Beef Tacos, Refried Beans, Assorted Cakes, Coffee, Tea, & Milk.



## Good Old Fashioned Church Picnic!

Grace is having a Good Old Fashioned Church Picnic Saturday, March 22 at Lakeside Park (8300 E Stella Rd, 85730) from noon-3:30 PM. There will be food and fun activities for all! More details will be available soon. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Jason Watson (243-0034) if you'd like to help.

## LWMS Grand Canyon East Circuit Spring Rally—March 29!

The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Spring Rally will be Saturday, March 29 at the East Fork Apache Mission in Fort Apache, AZ. The ladies of East Fork and Canyon Day Lutheran churches will co-host. More information on the rally will be available soon, but mark your calendars now!

## Grace-Vail Canvassing

We will continue our canvassing of the Vail and Rita Ranch neighborhoods on Saturday, February 22, from 9:30-11:30 AM. Even if you have never canvassed before, you are encouraged to come out on the 22<sup>nd</sup> to see how easy it can be. Following canvassing, Grace will provide lunch for those in attendance.

February 22 – Meet at Rancho Del Lago golf course in Vail  
(14155 E Via Rancho Del Lago, Vail, 85641)



## NEW! Bible Study

Pastor Rieke is facilitating the WELS online Bible study at the home of Eric & Julie Prigge (5391 S Black Falls Dr, 85747) on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM in February. If you're unable to attend the Bible Study, you may follow the series online at [www.wels.net/interactivefaith](http://www.wels.net/interactivefaith).

## TnT with Pastor Rieke

Pastor Rieke is going out on **T**uesday and **T**hursday evenings (6:00-7:30pm) to visit people who have expressed some interest in Grace-Vail. Pastor wants you to join him! This will be a smaller group than our canvassing blitzes (with one, maybe two pairs). This follow up is the next step after canvassing. This is a great way to be one-on-one with Pastor Rieke on the front lines of ministry. If you are interested, or just want more information, please contact Pastor Rieke at 343-9881 or send him an email ([revcmr@gracetucsonwels.com](mailto:revcmr@gracetucsonwels.com)).



## Seminary Chorus Concert

The Seminary Chorus of our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will present a concert here in Tucson on Friday, March 21. The concert begins at 7:00 PM and will take place at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Mark your calendars now so you can take advantage of this unique opportunity to hear the Seminary Chorus.

## 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.

## Going Out for Lunch? Having Dinner Out This Week?

Just a few of the restaurants included in the **Scrip Program** are Applebee's, Boston Market, Chipotle, Chili's/On the Border/Macaroni Grill, Cracker Barrel, Olive Garden/Red Lobster, and Texas Roadhouse. Visit Vic & Lois Thornton (after early service and after Bible Class) or Debbie Koehler (after late service) at the Scrip table in the courtyard to make your purchases! Questions about Scrip? We're happy to help!

## Keep Up to Date By Email

Have you been receiving announcements and reminders by email? We have been regularly emailing our members with announcements, encouragement, and reminders of upcoming events (in fact, one such email went out this past Friday morning). If you have not been receiving the emails but would like to do so, be sure to update your email address in the Friendship Register. You can also add "[Grace\\_Evangelical\\_Lutheran\\_Church@mail.vresp.com](mailto:Grace_Evangelical_Lutheran_Church@mail.vresp.com)" to your email's safe list. If you think you should be receiving emails but aren't, please speak to Pastor Kassulke.

## Christian Fellowship Group

Christian Fellowship Group will meet on Saturday, March 8, at 10:00 AM in the Grace-University Fellowship hall. There will be a guest speaker from the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Please bring a healthy snack to share. Everyone is welcome. *The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and better with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis.*

## ALA to Host GALA on March 22

Do you buy Scrip? Your donation of Scrip gift cards, cash, or any other exciting new item will be included in our auction and will help build a multi-purpose facility and raise tuition assistance for the students at Arizona Lutheran Academy. Corporate sponsorships are also available. Visit [ALAcoyotes.org/gala](http://ALAcoyotes.org/gala) to donate, attend, or learn more.

## Lenten Services and Suppers



Our Lenten theme this year is "From Garden to Glory." We will consider 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. Ash Wednesday is on March 5. We are again planning Wednesday services at Grace-University at 10 AM and 7 PM with a Lenten Supper at 6 PM.

We need volunteers to host the meals March 5, March 12, March 19, March 26, April 2 and April 9 (individuals, families, groups, or any combination). There will be information sheets available soon in the Fellowship Hall at Grace-University and on the worship table at Grace-Vail which explain how to host one of these meals.

