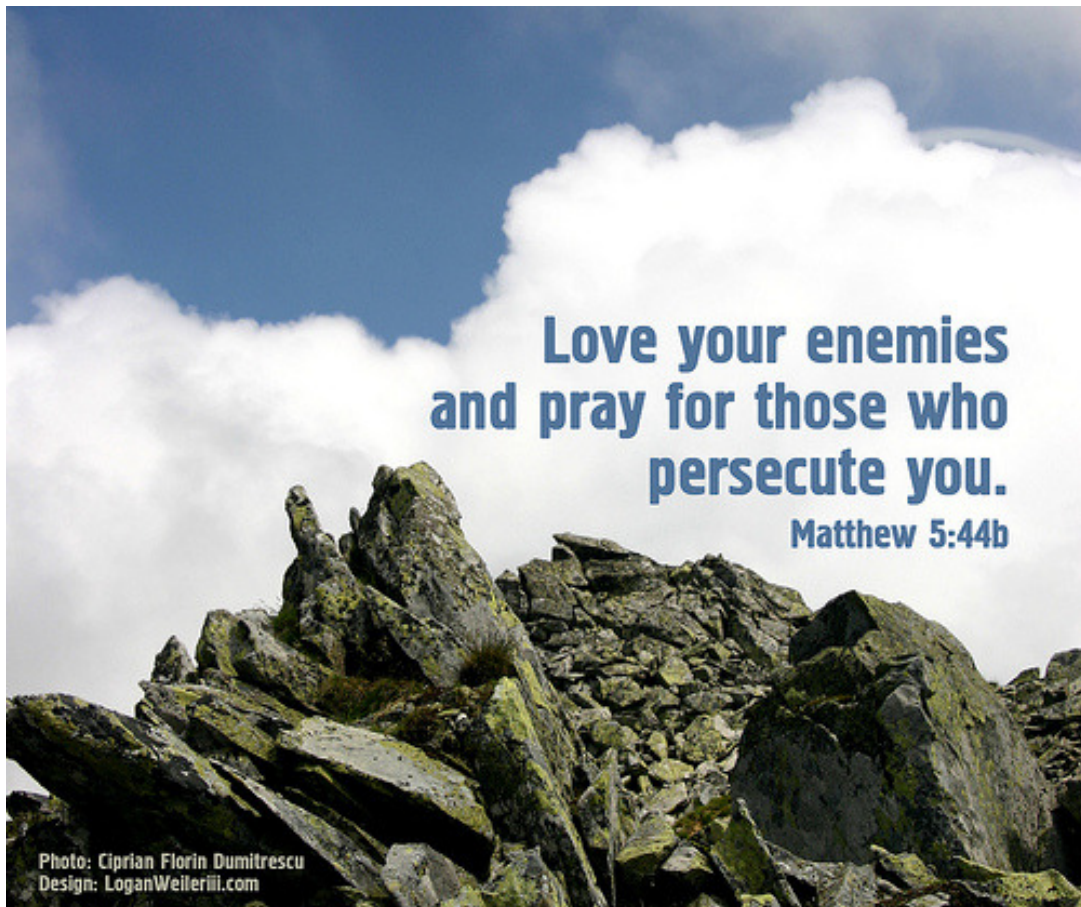


Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
February 23, 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.

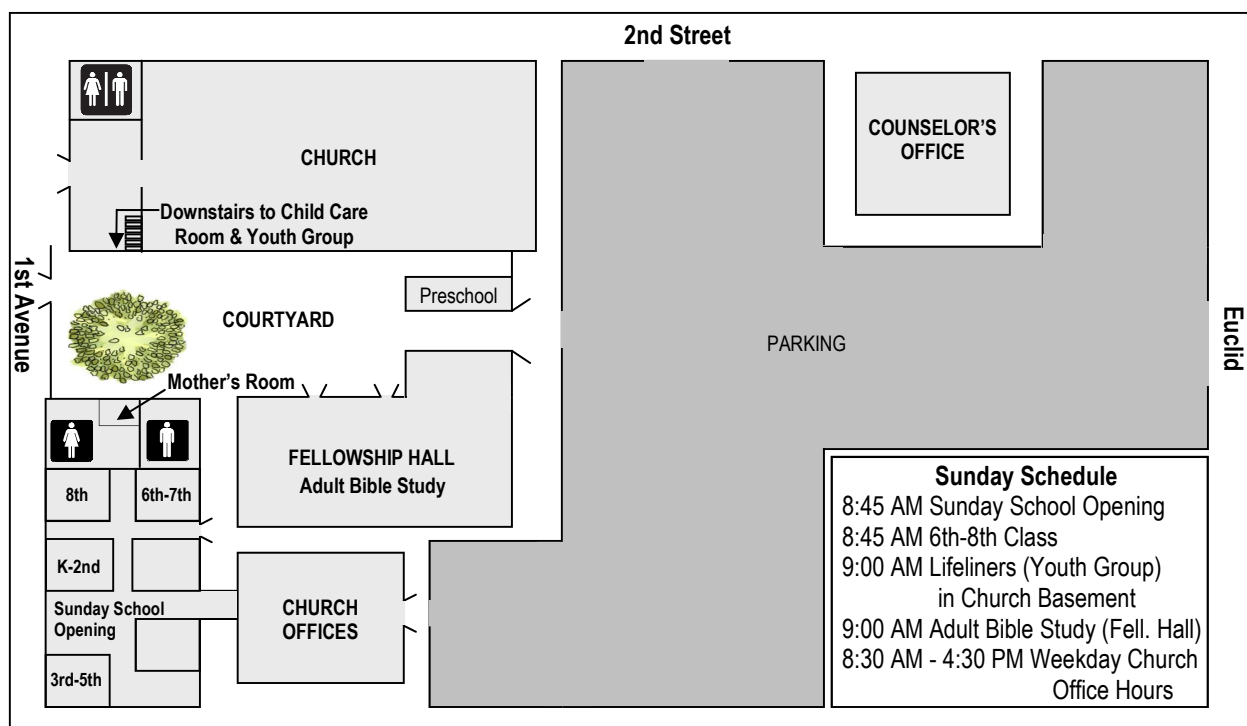
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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 I

Christian Worship Supplement

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM—

Be Thou My Vision
Arr. by Michael
Larkin

10:00 AM—

The Gift of Love
Arr. by the O'Neill
Brothers

WELCOME

HYMN

Every Morning Mercies New
Christian Worship #580

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



Kyrie—We sing our penitential confession to our Triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit, asking for his mercy. The name Kyrie is shortened from the Greek Kyrie Eleison, which means “Lord have mercy.”

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.

Gracious Father, keep your family, the Church, always faithful to you, that we may lean on the hope of your promises and be strong in the power of your love; 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

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

The Ziphites went to Saul at Gibeah and said, "Is not David hiding on the hill of Hakilah, which faces Jeshimon?" So Saul went down to the Desert of Ziph, with his three thousand chosen men of Israel, to search there for David. Saul made his camp beside the road on the hill of Hakilah facing Jeshimon, but David stayed in the desert. When he saw that Saul had followed him there, he sent out scouts and learned that Saul had definitely arrived. Then David set out and went to the place where Saul had camped. He saw where Saul and Abner son of Ner, the commander of the army, had lain down. Saul was lying inside the camp, with the army encamped around him. David then asked Ahimelech the Hittite and Abishai son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, "Who will go down into the camp with me to Saul?" "I'll go with you," said Abishai. So David and Abishai went to the army by night, and there was Saul, lying asleep inside the camp with his spear stuck in the ground near his head. Abner and the soldiers were lying around him. Abishai said to David, "Today God has delivered your enemy into your hands. Now let me pin him to the ground with one thrust of my spear; I won't strike him twice." But

1 Samuel 26:1-25 (NIV)

David said to Abishai, "Don't destroy him! Who can lay a hand on the LORD's anointed and be guiltless? As surely as the LORD lives," he said, "the LORD himself will strike him; either his time will come and he will die, or he will go into battle and perish. But the LORD forbid that I should lay a hand on the LORD's anointed. Now get the spear and water jug that are near his head, and let's go." So David took the spear and water jug near Saul's head, and they left. No one saw or knew about it, nor did anyone wake up. They were all sleeping, because the LORD had put them into a deep sleep. Then David crossed over to the other side and stood on top of the hill some distance away; there was a wide space between them. He called out to the army and to Abner son of Ner, "Aren't you going to answer me, Abner?" Abner replied, "Who are you who calls to the king?" David said, "You're a man, aren't you? And who is like you in Israel? Why didn't you guard your lord the king? Someone came to destroy your lord the king. What you have done is not good.

(Scripture reading continues on page 5)

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.

As surely as the LORD lives, you and your men deserve to die, because you did not guard your master, the LORD's anointed. Look around you. Where are the king's spear and water jug that were near his head?" Saul recognized David's voice and said, "Is that your voice, David my son?" David replied, "Yes it is, my lord the king." And he added, "Why is my lord pursuing his servant? What have I done, and what wrong am I guilty of? Now let my lord the king listen to his servant's words. If the LORD has incited you against me, then may he accept an offering. If, however, men have done it, may they be cursed before the LORD! They have now driven me from my share in the LORD's inheritance and have said, 'Go, serve other gods.' Now do not let my blood fall to the ground far from the presence of the LORD. The king of

Israel has come out to look for a flea—as one hunts a partridge in the mountains." Then Saul said, "I have sinned. Come back, David my son. Because you considered my life precious today, I will not try to harm you again. Surely I have acted like a fool and have erred greatly." "Here is the king's spear," David answered. "Let one of your young men come over and get it. The LORD rewards every man for his righteousness and faithfulness. The LORD delivered you into my hands today, but I would not lay a hand on the LORD's anointed. As surely as I valued your life today, so may the LORD value my life and deliver me from all trouble." Then Saul said to David, "May you be blessed, my son David; you will do great things and surely triumph." So David went on his way, and Saul returned home.

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 103

The vocalist(s) will sing the verses, the congregation may join in the refrains and stanza 12.

Refrain



Psalms Tone



1. Praise the LORD, / O my soul;* all my inmost being, praise his / holy name.
2. He forgives / all your sins* and heals all your dis- / eases.
3. he redeems your life / from the grave*
and crowns you with love and com- / passion.

Refrain

4. The LORD is compassionate and / gracious,* Slow to anger, abound- / ing in love.
5. He does not treat us as our / sins deserve*
or repay us according to our in- / iquities.
6. For as high as the heavens are a- / bove the earth,*
so great is his love for those who / fear him;
7. as far as the east is / from the west,*
so far has he removed our transgressions / from us.

Refrain



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

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:38-48 (NIV)

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



“You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you: Love

your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



*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.*

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

Son of God, Eternal Savior
Christian Worship #492

SERMON

Matthew 5:38-48 What Does it Really Mean to Love Your Neighbor?

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

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!



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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS BY TRANSFER *Reagan & Asher Lane*

M: Dear members of Grace, Reagan and Asher Lane have recently transferred their membership from Faith Lutheran Church (WELS) in Anchorage, AK.

So that the believers here might receive you in Christian love and so that you might have the opportunity to express your desire to join the church family here at Grace, I, in the name of this congregation, ask you to lift up your hearts and joyfully answer these questions:

M: Do you desire to be a members here at Grace?
New Member(s): I do.

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

7:45 AM—

The Gift of Love
Arr. by Lloyd Larson

10:00 AM—

Love is the Gracious Gift
By Richard Blake

M: Do you intend to grow in grace, strengthening your Christian faith through regular worship, reception of the sacrament and study of God's Word?

NM: I do.

M: Will you support with your prayers, time, talents and offerings the work our Lord has given to this congregation? If so, answer: I will, and I ask God to help me.

NM: I will, and I ask God to help me.

M: Having heard your promises, we, the members of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, receive you in fellowship and love, and invite you to share in our worship and mission, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The pastor addresses the congregation:

M: Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Hearing this confession of faith and these promises, are you willing to receive Reagan & Asher Lane with Christian love into the family of believers here at Grace? Are you willing to befriend, encourage, support and pray for them as Christ commands?

Congregation: Yes, as God gives me strength.

PRAYER

M: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, author and perfecter of our faith, in mercy you joined Reagan and Asher to your Church when they were born again of water and the Spirit. In mercy you taught them your saving truth. Grant that they may continue to offer themselves as living sacrifices to you as their spiritual act of worship. Help us live in love and harmony with one another and work together in serving you. Keep us united in your Spirit, and bring us at last to your eternal kingdom, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: Go in peace.

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 God, My Faithful God
Christian Worship #459

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.**

*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*

*This hymn by Isaac
Watts is a
paraphrase of Psalm
103:1-7.*

POSTLUDE:
7:45 AM—
*May the Peace of
God*
CWS #745
10:00 AM—
*They'll Know We Are
Christians by Our
Love*
By Peter Scholtes
Arr. by Lani Smith

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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, Bless the Lord, My Soul
Christian Worship #238

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Worship Leader Pastor Ron Koehler (10:00 AM)
Accompanists Kathy Parra (7:45 AM)
Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Worship Choir Director Teri Guenther (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 Amy Breiling (10:00 AM)



**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 23-Mar 2

*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):
• *State of Grace Presentation*.....9:00a
• *Grow in Grace Class* (Office) Non-Members Only9:00a
Grace-Vail Bible Study: State of Grace Presentation9:00a
Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem.9:00a
Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary 10:00a
WELS TCM Bible Study: "*Christian Behaviour*"..... 7:00p

Monday

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

Tuesday

Precious Lambs at the Reid Park Zoo 9:30a-11:30a
Kindermusik..... 4:00p
Handbell Practice 6:30p
English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p

Wednesday

Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* 10:00a
Bible Study at the Priggies.....5:30p
Midweek Bible Study: *Church History*7:00p

Thursday

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

Sunday

Worship Services/Communion..... 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: *Evolution vs. God*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

Reagan Lane, along with her son Asher, will become members of Grace through Profession of Faith this morning during 10:00 AM worship. We welcome them to Grace and ask God's blessings on 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 Dorothy Lietha and Pat & Terry Dent. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

"State of Grace" Presentation this Morning

Each year we pause to reflect on some of the specific blessings of the previous year by looking at highlights from Grace's Annual Report. This allows us to rejoice over God's goodness, recognize many individuals who served with their gifts, and give thanks to the Lord for the ministry here at Grace. Pastor Koehler will present and lead the discussion during Bible Study this morning at 9:00 AM. We hope that everyone will set aside the time to review God's blessings to us. You will also learn some things you never knew about your church! The reports are available at both church exits and in the Fellowship Hall.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Exodus 24:12, 15-18
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon Text & Theme

2 Peter 1:16-21
Be An Eyewitness to Glory

Precious Lambs Playgroup

Children (ages birth to age 5) are invited to come play along with their parent or caregiver on **Tuesday, February 18** from **9:30-11:30AM**. We will meet at the Reid Park Zoo (900 S Randolph Way, 85716) 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).

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.

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).



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 8-15 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 to WELS Kingdom Workers in support of their visit.

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 19, March 26, April 2 and April 9 (individuals, families, groups, or any combination). There is a sign-up sheet posted in the Fellowship Hall as well as an information sheet which explains how to host one of these meals.

Christian Fellowship Group

The Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (THCC) is the LARGEST Latina business organization in Arizona with over 1,000 member businesses. In fact, the THCC is the only chamber of commerce in Arizona with an office and staff in Mexico—located in Hermosillo, Sonora. Want to learn more about this perspective of the culture in which we live? Then come to the Christian Fellowship meeting at 10:00 AM on Saturday, March 8 in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall and enjoy the fellowship and potpourri of healthy snacks attendees provide! *The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and better with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis.*

—Russ Weir, Christian Fellowship Group President

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.



Fun With the Family at ALA’s Wiffle Ball Tournament

Bring your family out for some Wiffle fun! Arizona Lutheran Academy’s baseball team is hosting an all-age Wiffle Ball Tournament at ALA on Saturday, March 8, from 8:00 AM to noon. Pre-register by Wednesday, March 5. For more information and to register, go to ALAcoyotes.org and follow the Wiffle Ball link. If you have any questions, contact ALA’s baseball coach, Scott Hill, at Hill@ALAcoyotes.org or 602-268-8686 ext. 21.

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.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall and on the welcome table at Grace-Vail if you'd like to help with the meal or bring a cake to share. PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY!

Good Old Fashioned Church Picnic

Please join us on Saturday, March 22 from noon-3:30 PM for a **Good Old Fashioned Church Picnic** at Lakeside Park (8300 E. Stella Rd., 85730)! Items to bring: lawn chairs, a picnic side dish, and a dessert. Please note there is no electricity available, so plan accordingly. Everyone is invited to participate in our "Best Pie" Contest!! Bring your favorite HOMEMADE pie for our panel of judges. We are planning fun activities for ALL ages so come ready to have some fun! Volunteers would be appreciated for set up, grilling, extra hands for activities, and clean up. Please consider how you can help and contact Jason Watson (243-0034) or Debbie Koehler (405-7083) for more details or with any questions you may have. We hope to see everyone there!



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 to donate, attend, or learn more.

LWMS Grand Canyon East Circuit Spring Rally—March 29!

The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Spring Rally will be Saturday, March 29 at East Fork Lutheran Church (4325 Fort Apache Rd, 85941) in Whiteriver, AZ. The ladies of East Fork and Canyon Day Lutheran churches will co-host. The special guest speaker will be Rev. William Kessel, Ph.D. Election of new officers will also take place. Coffee and registration begins at 8:00 AM and goes till 8:45 AM.

Registration forms are available in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall and on the welcome table at Grace-Vail. You may also access the forms online at www.grandcanyonlwms.org. The deadline to register and to give Mission Money is Monday, March 24. More details about this rally can be found on the flyer in the Grace-University courtyard display case.

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.

Don't forget to stop by the Scrip table in the courtyard!