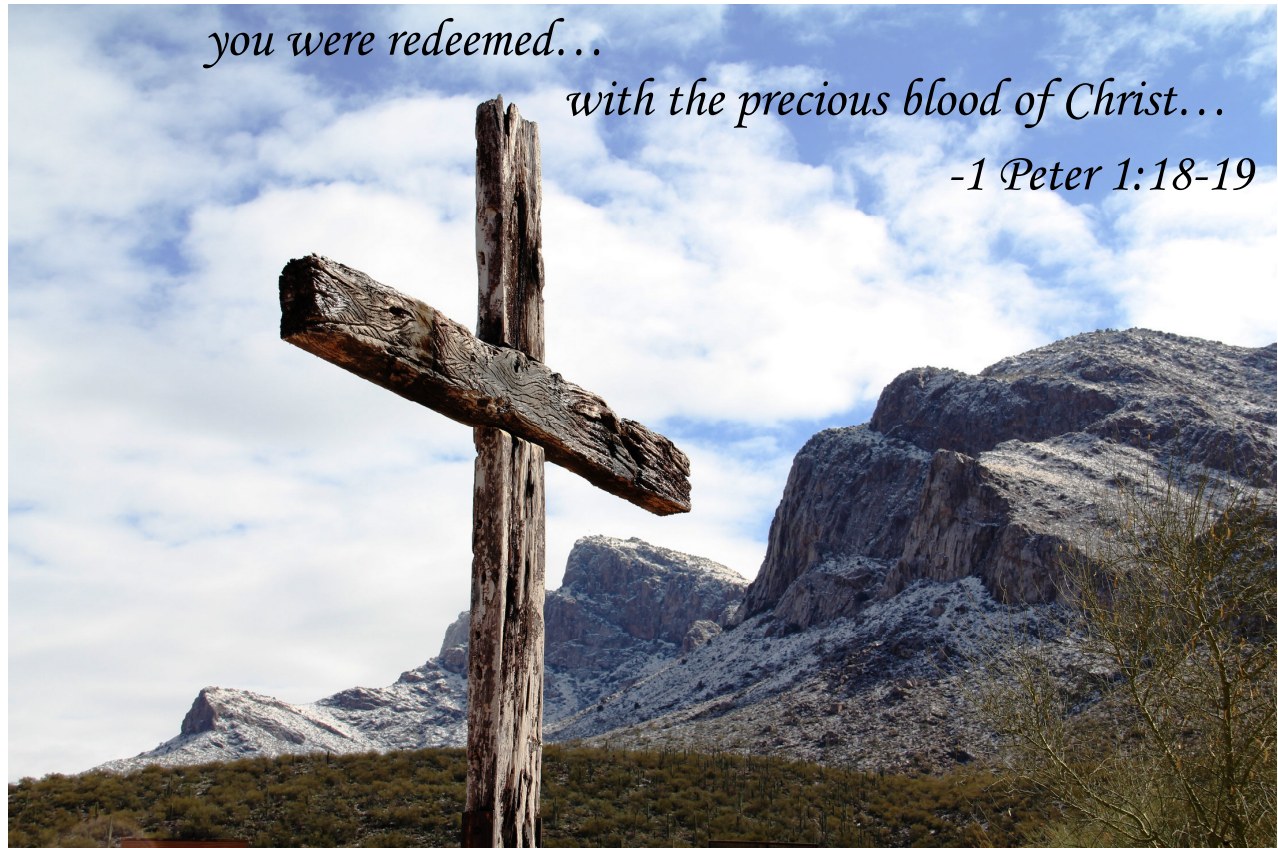


Third Sunday of Easter



you were redeemed...

with the precious blood of Christ...

-1 Peter 1:18-19

10:00 AM Worship

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
May 4, 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.

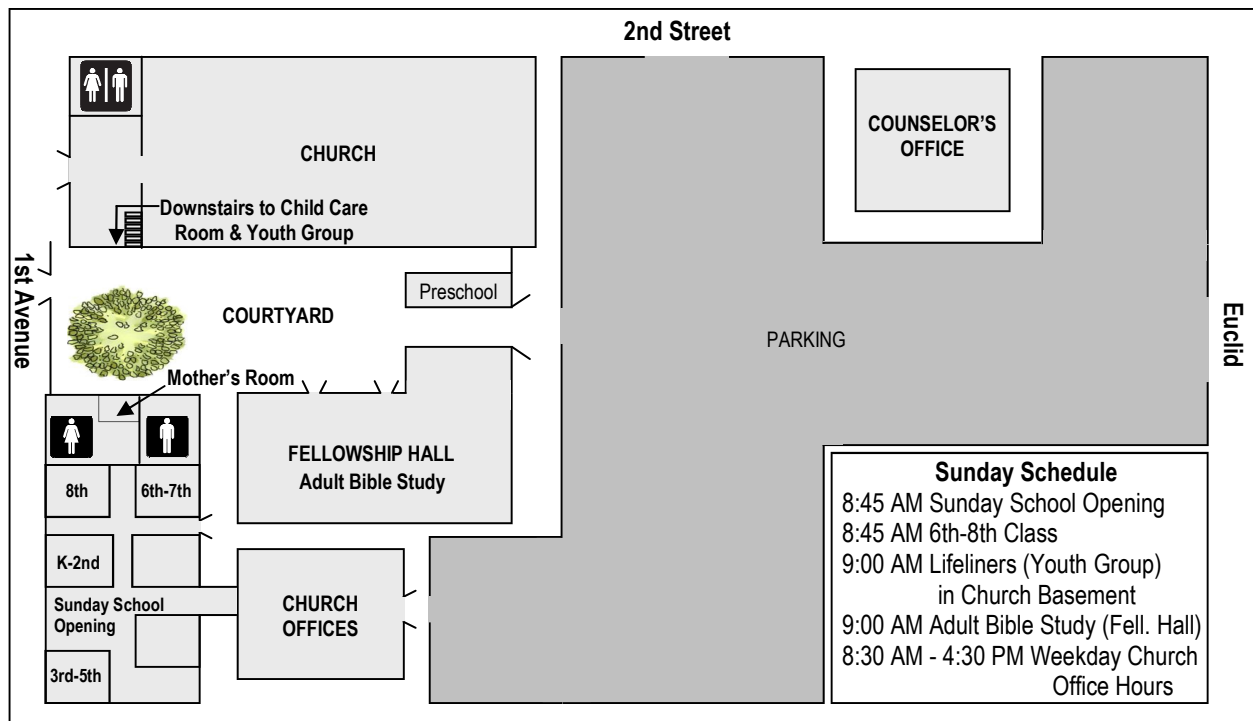
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



YOUTH CONFIRMATION SERVICE

WELCOME

HYMN

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done
Christian Worship #148

STAND

INVOCATION

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

CONGREGATION: Amen.

CONFESSION

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 24:10-21 (NIV)

When the governor motioned for him to speak, Paul replied: “I know that for a number of years you have been a judge over this nation; so I gladly make my defense. You can easily verify that no more than twelve days ago I went up to Jerusalem to worship. My accusers did not find me arguing with anyone at the temple, or stirring up a crowd in the synagogues or anywhere else in the city. And they cannot prove to you the charges they are now making against me. However, I admit that I worship the God of our fathers as a follower of the Way, which they call a sect. I believe everything that agrees with the Law and that is written in the Prophets, and I have the same hope in God as these men, that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the

wicked. So I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man. After an absence of several years, I came to Jerusalem to bring my people gifts for the poor and to present offerings. I was ceremonially clean when they found me in the temple courts doing this. There was no crowd with me, nor was I involved in any disturbance. But there are some Jews from the province of Asia, who ought to be here before you and bring charges if they have anything against me. Or these who are here should state what crime they found in me when I stood before the Sanhedrin— unless it was this one thing I shouted as I stood in their presence: ‘It is concerning the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial before you today.’”

GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35 (NIV)

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?” “What things?” he asked. “About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him

they did not see.” He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

SERMON

1 Peter 1:17-21 (NIV)

Your Faith and Hope are in God

Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious

blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

(PLEASE REMAIN SEATED AFTER THE SERMON)

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 pew and pass it along. Thank You!



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Draw Us to You

Setting by Michael Burkhardt

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH—EASTER

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.

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.

BE SEATED

RITE OF CONFIRMATION AND CONFESSIONS OF FAITH

Each confirmand will read a brief essay that he has prepared.

The confirmands' essays serve as an expression of their knowledge of and faith in God and His Word, and they also benefit us all as a review of some fundamental truths of Scripture. Please join in singing the hymn stanzas as indicated (Hymn # 597, "May God the Father of Our Lord").

Caleb Allen Prigge

**"Why the Ten Commandments
are Important to Me"**

(sing) 1. May God the Father of our Lord,
Who called you by his holy Word,
Perfect, establish, settle you,
Keep you through faith forever true.

Lucas James Guenther

"Why Holy Baptism is Important to Me"

3. The Holy Spirit give you pow'r,
The strength of prayer in ev'ry hour,
The wisdom, knowledge, fear of God,
That lifts above his chast'ning rod.

Dustin James Pauley

"Why the Lord's Prayer is Important to Me"

2. In Jesus Christ may you be blessed
And brought to his eternal rest.
The work he has in you begun,
He will perform till all is done.

Jonathan Allen Miller

"Why Holy Communion is Important to Me"

4. May God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Preserve you blameless till in Grace
You stand before his holy face.

CONFIRMANDS' CONFESSION AND PROMISE

MINISTER: Brothers in Christ, our Lord Jesus said to his disciples: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Minister: In obedience to the Lord's command, you have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have been taught the precious truths of the Christian faith as confessed by the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. You know what God has given you by his grace and what he expects of you as his dear child. You now have the privilege of receiving the Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

You are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith. The apostle Paul, writing to the Romans, said: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Therefore, lift up your hearts to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions.

MINISTER: Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this congregation, acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation?

CONFIRMANDS: I do.

M: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

C: I do.

M: Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?

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.

M: Do you desire to become a communicant member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and of this congregation?

C: I do.

M: Do you believe all the canonical books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?

C: I do.

M: Do you believe that the teaching of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God?

C: I do.

M: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it?

C: I do, and I ask God to help me.

M: Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word, to be faithful in the use of the Word and sacrament, and in faith and action remain true to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as long as you live?

C: I do, and I ask God to help me.

M: Now give your hand at the Lord's altar as a pledge of your promise and receive his blessing.

Confirmation Blessings

M: Your church now welcomes you into communicant membership, with all the rights, benefits, and responsibilities that this entails, and invites you to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's Table as a precious privilege given you by God through his Church; receive this Sacrament thankfully and often. The almighty and most merciful God—Father, Son, (†) and Holy Spirit—bless and keep you.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

The confirmands and their family members who are communicant members will receive the Lord's Supper prior to distribution to the congregation.

DISTRIBUTION

Our church practices "Member Communion." If you are a guest today and are a confirmed member of another WELS church, we invite you to the Lord's Table with us. If you are a guest today and are not a member of one of our Wisconsin Synod churches, we ask that you would speak to one of the pastors after church today or at some other time to discuss receiving the Lord's Supper with us in the future.

*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 MUSIC

Let All Things Now Living
Arranged by Valerie A. Floeter

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared
Christian Worship #312

STAND

PRAYER

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

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.

BE SEATED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN **Abide, O Dearest Jesus**
Christian Worship #333

POSTLUDE **Trumpet Tune in D Major**
Arranged by David N. Johnson

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leader Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Communion Assistants.....Pastor Ron Koehler, Pastor Sam Clemons, Pastor Mark Hallemeier
Accompanist.....Tina Christianson
Distribution MusicSarah Oberhofer
UshersMark Christianson, Jon Dongoske, Danny Koehler, Taylor Parra, Rick Street
Sound & Recording TechJeremy Snavelly
Altar Prep TeamElaine Goldie, Karen Grorud, Gisela Kittel
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Congratulations!
Congratulations to our youth confirmands, Lucas Guenther, Jon Miller, Caleb Prigge and Dustin Pauley. The congregation is invited to celebrate this special occasion in the lives of our young people with a cake reception in the Fellowship Hall following the service.



**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 4-May 11

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

TODAY YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Worship Services/Communion 7:45 & 10:00a
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
Cake Reception Following 10 AM Worship
WELS TCM Bible Study: *Paul & Barnabas* 7:00p

Monday

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

Tuesday

Precious Lambs at the Wiechmanns 9:30-11:30a
AZ Pastors' Conference Opening Service 10:30a
English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p

Wednesday

Financial Peace University at Grace-University 6:30p
Bible Study at the Prigge's 7:00p
NO Wednesday Bible Studies at Grace-University

Thursday

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

Thursday

Christian Fellowship Group: *Crizmac Oaxaca Tour* 10:00a
Bridal Shower for Molly Butron 2:00p

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TODAY

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. 7 in today's worship folder under "Distribution" for information about our practice of Member Communion.

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by the families of the confirmands.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

1 Samuel 17:34-37
Hebrews 13:20-21
John 10:1-10

Sermon Text & Theme

John 10:1-10
Through the Gate and Into a Full Life

Thank You

Tina Christianson and family would like to thank you so very much for the prayers and kind words you sent for her mom, Dorothy Crull's passing on April 7. The family never realized how many hearts she touched over the years. We thank you for your encouragement and continued prayers. She is at last in her final home and we are reminded of the hope of eternal salvation to all who believe.

Called Home to Heaven

Grace member Al Lingham was called home to heaven on Monday, April 28. No arrangements have been planned at this time.

Arizona Pastors' Conference at Grace

Grace will be hosting the WELS Arizona Pastors' Conference this Tuesday and Wednesday, May 6-7. The conference includes pastors and staff ministers from throughout Arizona, as well as New Mexico and El Paso, Texas. The conference begins at 10:30 Tuesday morning with an opening worship service that includes Holy Communion. Those who are available to attend that service are welcome and invited to join us. Please speak to Pastor Kassulke, who serves as the conference secretary, or to any of the pastors if you would like more information about the conference.

Wedding Invitation

The Grace congregation is invited to the wedding ceremony of Rick Street and Molly Butron on Saturday, May 17 at 2:00 PM in the sanctuary. They are not registered, but if you'd like to give a gift, the couple encourages the use of Scrip gift cards.

Oaxacan Folk Art: Innovation Meets Tradition

This theme focuses on wood carving, rug weaving, and pottery making with samples to observe and marvel at. Crizmac is a marketplace for folk art, books, gifts, travel, classes, and presentations like the one scheduled for Saturday, May 10 at 10:00 AM. It's sponsored by the Christian Fellowship Group and everyone is invited! Please let the Weirs know in advance if you plan to come (795-0062). Still unsure? Check out Crizmac on Facebook or follow them on Twitter@crizmac_art. Crizmac is located at 1642 N. Alvernon Way. We hope you can make it!

—Russ Weir, Christian Fellowship President

Precious Lambs Playgroup

Children (ages birth to age 5) are invited to come play along with their parent or caregiver on **Tuesday, May 6** from **9:30-11:30 AM**. We will meet at the Wiechmann's house (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 May 13 at the Farley's house, 1089 E. Madera Grove Lane, 85629.)

Arizona Lutheran Academy Golf Classic

The 21st Annual ALA Golf Classic will be Saturday, May 17 at Ahwatukee Country Club (48th Street and Warner Road, Phoenix) starting at 7:30 AM. The deadline to register for the tournament is May 9. Registration forms and more details on the tournament can be found in the Fellowship Hall. You may also register online at ALAcoyotes.org. Contact Doug Meyer at 602-268-8686 ext. 15 or Meyer@ALAcoyotes.org if you have any questions. The tournament is a fundraiser for the ALA Athletic Department.

Member Feedback Meetings

The Church Council has been gathering financial information and preparing recommendations for our congregation's response to Peace Lutheran Church in Sahuarita and Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Benson. Both congregations have asked us to consider partnering with them as additional sites for Grace. Please plan to join us for a Member Feedback Meeting to consider these additional details and to offer feedback. In order to best accommodate a variety of schedules, there are two meetings planned at Grace-University: Monday, May 12 at 10:00 AM and Tuesday, May 13 at 6:30 PM. If you can't make one of these meetings (or even if you can), you are always invited to share your thoughts with your Church Council members and pastors.

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 3rd Tuesday of the month. A packet of reports will be available before the meeting to help voters prepare for it. Our Member Feedback Meetings on May 12 (10 AM) and May 13 (6:30 PM) will also be important in helping us prepare.

Grace-Vail Facility Commitment Boards

Commitment Boards at both Grace-Vail and Grace-University allow members to remove a card indicating the amount of a gift they will add to their weekly offerings so that we might move our worship from a rented multi-purpose room in a school to a leased worship and ministry center. These commitments are anonymous but allow us to know when the financial need for the move has been met. Approximately \$4700 per month is needed for us to make this move. \$2690 per month has been committed so far.