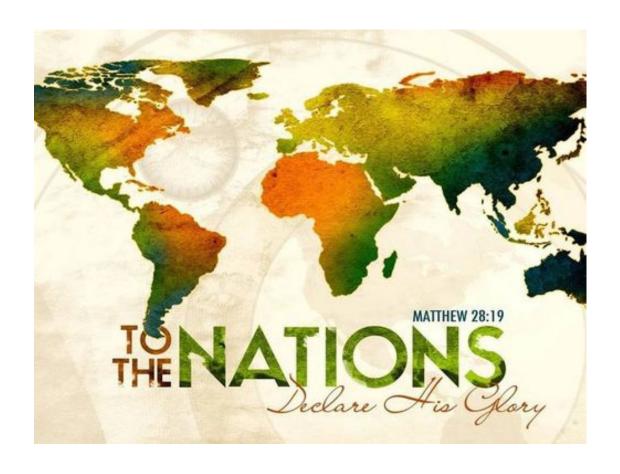
# Mission Festival Sunday



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church January 26, 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.

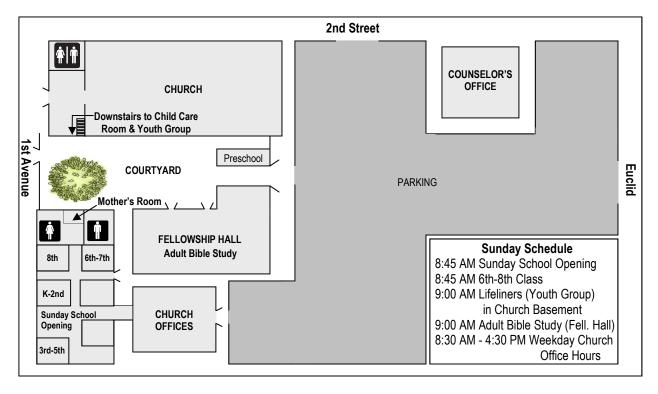
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



PRESERVICE MUSIC

(7:45 AM)

I Love to Tell the Story
Arr. by Julie A. Lind

(10:00 AM)

O Christians, Haste / Sarabande Arr. by Backer and Wolff

WELCOME

HYMN

Awake, O Spirit, Who Inspired Christian Worship #567

STAND

#### INVOCATION

Minister: In the name of the Father

Congregation: whose glory is declared by the heavens,

M: and of the Son

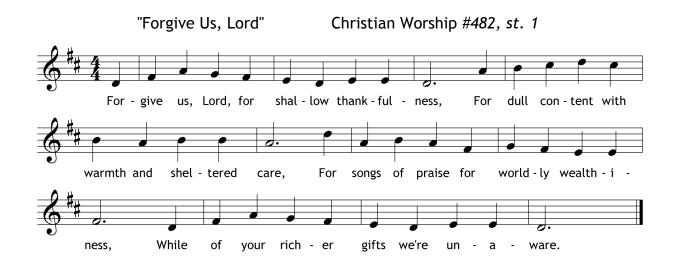
C: who calls us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth,

M: and of the Holy Spirit

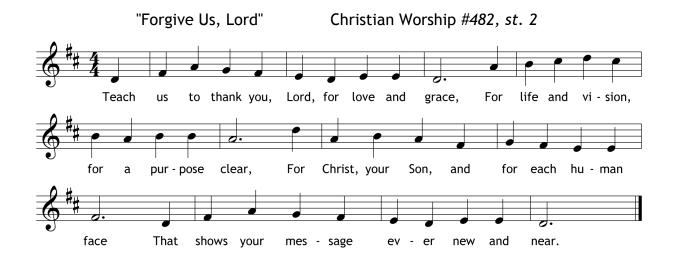
C: who empowers us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. Amen.

#### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

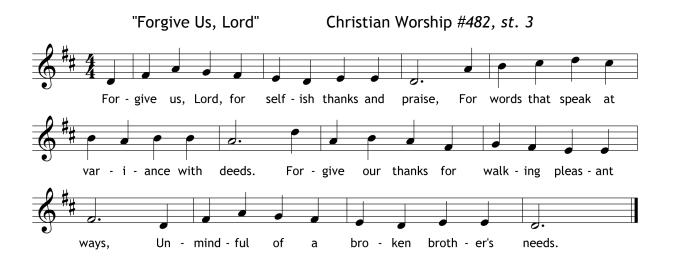
M: Gracious Lord, we come before you now confessing our sins. Through your Word you have revealed to us again and again the unsearchable riches of Christ, but again and again we have failed to recognize how richly we have been blessed.



M: We have often failed to fully appreciate all you have done for us in Christ, and therefore we have failed to share the message of your love and grace with others as we should. Forgive us for the dullness of our faith and love for you.



M: So often we have overlooked the needs of those who live near us and have shown so little concern for those who are far away. There is always so much more we could do to bring others the Good News of their Savior, Jesus Christ.



M: Gracious Lord, we confess that we are in dire need of your Spirit's help. We need a heart that loves you more, a faith that trusts you more, a life that reflects more clearly the vast riches of your love.



#### **ABSOLUTION**

M: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for you and for his sake has forgiven you all your sins. 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 OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, You have called us from many cultures and tongues to be witnesses of the Good News of your Son to every nation, tribe, language and people. Help us to share your precious Gospel with all who have not heard of your great love for them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**BE SEATED** 

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 55:6-11

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts. As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."

#### WORSHIP CHOIR (10:00 AM)

Go Ye Therefore

Go ye therefore, teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Lord. Go ye therefore, teach all nations all he commands in the name of the Lord. And lo, I am with you always, even until the end of the world. Go in my Name, I am with you, until the end of the world! Go ye therefore He is with you, even until the end of the world.

SECOND LESSON Romans 10:11-15

As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame." For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not

believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

VERSE OF THE DAY Psalm 96:3 NIV

M: Alleluia. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. Alleluia.

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GOSPEL Matthew 28:18-20

Then Jesus came to them and said, "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."

**BE SEATED** 

**HYMN** 

From Greenland's Icy Mountains Christian Worship #571

SERMON Matthew 28:18-20
Focus On Mission

**STAND** 

#### **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.

**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 pew and pass along. Thank You!

OFFERTORY MUSIC

(7:45 AM)

Across the Lands
Arr. by James Koerts

(10:00 AM)

Now Let Us All in Hymns of Praise Tune & Setting by Roy Hopp

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH — MISSION OF THE CHURCH

- M: Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.
- C: Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.
- M: Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.
- C: Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.
- **M:** Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.
- C: Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.
- M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

Silent Prayer.

- M: Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.
- C: Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.

Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here.

- **M:** Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.
- C: Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. 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

**HYMN** 

- M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.
- M: Now may the God who gives endurance and encouragement give a spirit of unity among you, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The blessing of almighty God—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit—be with you and uphold you forever.

C: Amen.

**BE SEATED** 

**HYMN** 

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Spread, Oh, Spread the Mighty Word
Christian Worship #576

POSTLUDE (7:45 AM) Lift High the Cross

Arr. by Hal Leonard

(10:00 AM) We All Are One in Mission

Tune by George J. Webb

#### THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

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•	Tina Christianson (10:00 AM)
Worship Choir Director	Beth Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Worship Choir Accompanist	Kathy Parra (10:00 AM)
Ushers	
	Mark Christianson, Jon Dongoske, Danny Koehler (10:00 AM)
	Taylor Parra, Dustin Pauley, Rick Street (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech	

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#### Go Ye Therefore:

By Mary McDonald. Words based on Matthew 28:19-20

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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 • Jan 26-Feb 2

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

TODAY MISSION FESTIVAL
Worship Services7:45 & 10:00a
Children's Sunday School8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): Bible Study9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• Rev. Dan Koelpin: WELS World Mission Overview9:00a
• NO Grow in Grace Class
Grace-Vail Bible Study Cottonwood Elementary9:00a
Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem 9:00a
Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary 10:00a
Chupala Lunch Following 10:00 AM Worship
WELS TCM Bible Study: The End of the World7:00p
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Monday  Pible Study of Voil Colf Club
Bible Study at Vail Golf Club9:00a
English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p
Tuesday
Precious Lambs at the Rieke's house 9:30-11:30a
Kindermusik at Grace-University4:00p
Handbell Practice 6:30p
English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p
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Wednesday10:00aBible Study: World Missions Presentation
<b>Thursday</b> Women's Bible Study: <i>The Narrow Lutheran Middle</i> 9:00a Worship Choir6:30p
Sunday Worship Services
Jesus' Last Days

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#### **TODAY**

#### **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.

#### **Altar Flowers**

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by the Morris family in loving memory of Brian Morris and in celebration of his 70th birthday.

## **Chupala Lunch!**

The Lifeliners (our high school youth group) invite you to join them after the 10:00 AM worship service for their annual Chupala Lunch. Chupala is a delicious chicken and bean dish with Southwestern spices that is served with tortillas and taco fixings. The Lifeliners appreciate your donations which will support their activities. We also hope that you enjoy not only the meal but also the time in the company of your fellow Christians.

#### **Thank You**

We give our thanks to Pastor Dan Koeplin, our Mission Festival guest speaker and the presenter during this morning's Bible Study hour. Pastor Koelpin is the recently retired Administrator of the Wisconsin Synod World Missions program. Pastor Koelpin will give a talk to the Wednesday morning and evening Bible classes on how we are working to spread the Gospel in countries where we are not allowed to enter. He will also be preaching and presenting for the Mission Festival at Grace-Vail next Sunday, February 2.

Pastor Koehler is preaching at Peace Lutheran Church in Sahuarita this morning.

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

> Daniel 3:13-27 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon Text & Theme

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Go Ahead and Boast!

# **Precious Lambs Playgroup**

Children (ages birth to age 5) are invited to come play along with their parent or caregiver on **Tuesday**, **January 28** from **9:30-11:30AM**. We will meet at the Rieke's home (4282 S Mayberry Pl, 85730) for this informal play date. You do not need to RSVP and can come for any or all of the time. Precious Lambs will meet on most Tuesday mornings for play dates. If you have any questions, please contact Missy Wiechmann (403-1177) or Beth Kassulke (293-2935).

#### **Kindermusik Classes**

Kindermusik classes began last week with licensed Kindermusik instructor, Emily McClung. It's not too late to sign-up! Emily is holding a family class for children birth-age 7 with a parent on Tuesdays at 4:00 PM in the Sunday School area (enter through the church office). Each class lasts approximately 45 minutes and includes singing, dancing, playing and more! Discounts are being offered for Grace members as well as for multiple children. You can contact Emily at 520-310-8392 or <a href="mailto:saguaroMusicAcademy@gmail.com">saguaroMusicAcademy@gmail.com</a>. To learn more about Kindermusik, visit <a href="www.kindermusik.com">www.kindermusik.com</a> or stop in the church office for a brochure.

#### **TnT with Pastor Rieke**

Beginning January 28, Pastor Rieke will be going out on <u>Tuesday and Thursday</u> 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).



## **WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Super Bowl Party**

Next Sunday, February 2, at 4:00 PM in the Grace-University basement, college students and others of approximately college age are invited to our Super Bowl Party. We'll have food and watch the game (and the commercials) together. This is a great opportunity to enjoy some socializing with fellow Christians and fellow students.

## **Christian Fellowship Group**

Christian Fellowship Group will meet on Saturday, February 8, at 10:00 AM in the Grace-University Fellowship hall. Grace members Bill and Dorothy Rauh will speak about their work in helping remodel and rebuild Shepherd of the Pines church in McNary, AZ. 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.

# **Grace-Vail Canvassing**

We will continue our canvassing of the Vail and Rita Ranch neighborhoods on Saturday, February 8, from 9:30-11:30 AM. Even if you have never canvassed before, you are encouraged to come out on the 8<sup>th</sup> to see how easy it can be. Following canvassing, Grace will provide lunch for those in attendance.



February 8 – Meet at Rancho Del Lago golf course in Vail (14155 E Via Rancho Del Lago, Vail, 85641) February 22

# Women of Grace Valentine Tea—February 15

The Women of Grace will hold their annual Valentine Tea Saturday, February 15 at 11:30 AM in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker is Rachel John from Escondido, CA. 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 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).

## **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.

## **Redeemer Countdown to Kindergarten**

Redeemer Lutheran School in Marana is hosting an informational "Countdown to Kindergarten" event for families that may be interested in enrolling their students in Kindergarten. This event is held at Redeemer and starts at 6:00 PM tomorrow, January 27. We encourage any interested families to attend.

Redeemer Lutheran School is operated by our sister church. 8 members of Grace are currently attending in grades K – 8. Grace currently offers a \$1000 per year scholarship to our active members attending Redeemer.

## **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.

# **Use Scrip for Prescriptions!**

Many of us purchase prescriptions on a monthly or quarterly basis. Did you know you can get <u>Scrip</u> for CVS and Walgreens and you can use <u>Scrip</u> for the grocery store and WalMart/Sam's Club pharmacies as well? Benefit Arizona Lutheran Academy and our children by purchasing <u>Scrip</u> from Vic and Lois Thornton (after early service and after Bible Class) or Debbie Koehler (after late service) at the <u>Scrip</u> table in the courtyard today!

# **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\_Churc@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.