Summer Worship Series



WEEK 11: MOUNT ZION

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church September 4, 2016



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-Tucson! 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.

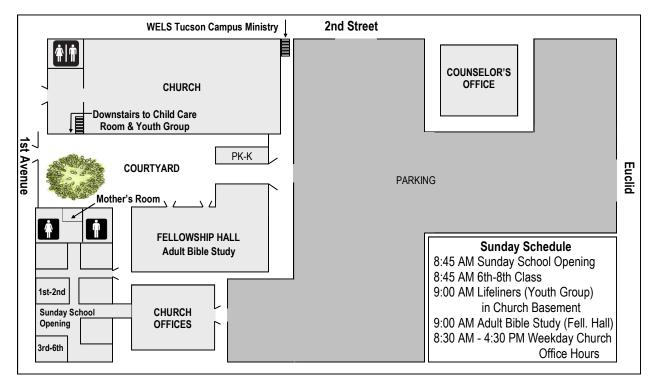
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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.GraceLutheranSAZ.org



SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Christian Worship

WELCOME

HYMN

Jesus, Your Church with Longing Eyes Christian Worship #9

Please stand

Minister: The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the

fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- 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.
- 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

LORD, HAVE MERCY Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



Banner

The banner at the front of church will be displayed throughout our whole summer worship series. It declares David's words of praise to God for delivering him from his enemies and the hands of Saul (2 Samuel 22:47b).

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM— Heaven Arr. by Jim Brickman

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.

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: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



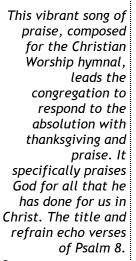
M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

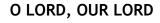


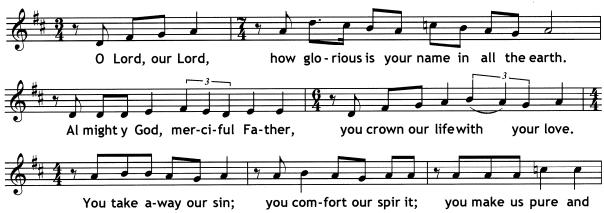
M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.









PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated

THE WORD

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.

FIRST LESSON

"Awake, awake! Clothe yourself with strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, as in days gone by, as in generations of old. Was it not you who cut Rahab to pieces, who pierced that monster through? Was it not you who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep, who made a road in the depths of the sea so that the redeemed might cross over? The ransomed of the LORD will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away. I, even I, am he who comforts you. Who are you that you fear mortal men, the sons of men, who are but grass, that you forget the

Isaiah 51:9-16 (NIV)

LORD your Maker, who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth, that you live in constant terror every day because of the wrath of the oppressor, who is bent on destruction? For where is the wrath of the oppressor? The cowering prisoners will soon be set free; they will not die in their dungeon, nor will they lack bread. For I am the LORD your God, who churns up the sea so that its waves roar—the LORD Almighty is his name. I have put my words in your mouth and covered you with the shadow of my hand-I who set the heavens in place, who laid the foundations of the earth, and who say to Zion, 'You are my people.'"

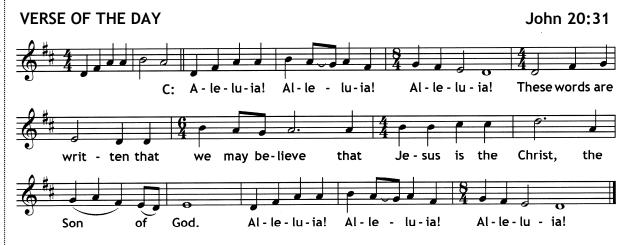
SECOND LESSON

Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one

Revelation 14:1-5 (NIV)

could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they kept themselves pure. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among men and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb. No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.

The Verse of the Day is a familiar or significant Scripture text framed with alleluias.



GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-31 (NIV)

"But in those days, following that distress, 'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.' At that time men will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens. Now learn this lesson

from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."

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

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jerusalem the Golden Christian Worship #214

SERMON

Revelation 14:1-5 Mount Zion

Please stand

NICENE CREED

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

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

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

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



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

7:45 AM— Jerusalem the Golden Arr. by Valerie Floeter

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

- M: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.
- C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.
- M: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.
- C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

7:45 AM — Please continue on page 9 with the Words of Institution.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



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

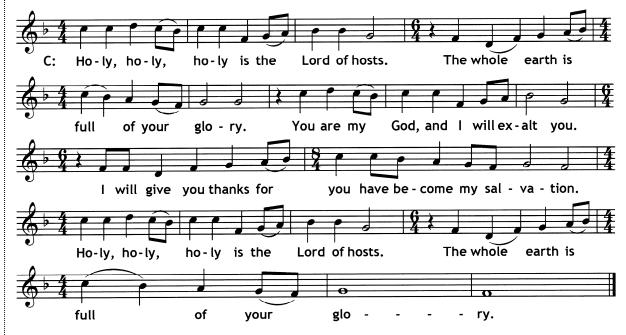


C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY-Sanctus

This ancient worship song is based on songs of praise recorded in Isaiah 6 and Psalm 118.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

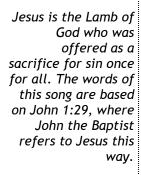
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD-Agnus Dei





DISTRIBUTION

The Bible teaches that the Lord's Supper is a unique communion of Christ and the individual believer as well as a coming together of people who hold to the same beliefs. Because of these Scriptural truths, we practice **Member Communion** at Grace. Those who are confirmed members of Wisconsin Synod congregations (WELS) are invited to receive the Lord's Supper with us.

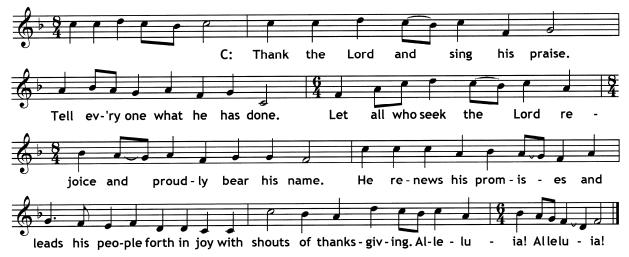
If you are not a WELS member but have an interest in receiving Holy Communion, please speak with one of our pastors after church today or at another time. We are aware that there are a number of other teachings about Holy Communion, and we want it to be a blessing for you, so we would look forward to sharing with you what God says about this Sacrament.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (10:00 AM)

Forever with the Lord Christian Worship #213

Please stand

THANK THE LORD



PRAYER

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



We provide glutenfree 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.

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."

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

I Love Your Kingdom, Lord Christian Worship #533

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

7:45 AM— Behold, a Host, Arrayed in White Arr. by Dale A. Witte Copyright Information: Service of Word and Sacrament: Kyrie, Song of Praise, Preface music by Kurt Eggert. Verse music by Kermit G. Moldenhauer, Sanctus, Agnus Dei music by David Schack. © 1991, 1993 Northwestern Publishing House. Thank the Lord music by Richard Hillert. © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship. Augsburg Fortress. Copyrighted material reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-

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ALA Football in Benson

The Arizona Lutheran Academy Coyotes football team travels to Benson High School this Friday, September 9. The game begins at 7:00 PM. The school is located at 360 S. Patagonia St, Benson, AZ 85602. You are invited to join with other southern Arizona ALA fans to cheer the team on! ALA is our WELS Lutheran High School located in the Phoenix area.



Women Of Grace Meetings

Next Sunday, September 11, the Women of Grace-Tucson will have a quick meeting following 10 AM worship to discuss the upcoming Fall activities. You will have time to grab some coffee and a snack before the meeting starts in church. There will be a similar meeting for the Women of Grace-Vail at the same time. All confirmed women who are members at Grace are considered part of the Women of Grace and are invited to participate in our planning and other activities.

Handbell Choir Beginning Soon!

Handbell Choir will begin rehearsing on September 12. Practices will be held on Mondays at 4:30 in the sanctuary. Due to construction in the basement, we will meet in the sanctuary for the foreseeable future. Anyone interested in giving bells a try is invited to come! If you have questions or would like more information, please contact director Melissa Newbrey (702-469-0993) or music coordinator Beth Kassulke (520-260-3649).

English as a Second Language

We will begin the 16th year of our English as a Second Language program starting Monday, September 12 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. If you know of anyone who might be interested in participating in the program or if you would like to volunteer, please contact the church office (623-6633) or Joyce Long (795-6456).

Toy Donations

English as a Second Language is in need of toys to use in the childcare area while classes are going on. Legos are a big hit, but any toy donation will be appreciated! You may drop off your donations to the church office through the month of September. Thank you!

Upcoming Voters' Meeting & Breakfast

The next Voters' Meeting for our congregation is scheduled for Saturday, September 17 at 8:30 AM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. Because of this early start time breakfast will be provided beginning at 8:00 AM. A booklet with Pastor and Council reports can be found at both entrances of church and in the Fellowship Hall. This keeps members up to date on Grace's ministry activities and helps voters prepare for the meeting. Please feel free to come dressed for the Men's Fellowship Disc Golf Event which follows the meeting.

Men's Fellowship Group

Immediately following the Voters' Meeting on September 17, the Men's Fellowship Group will play a round of disc golf at Santa Cruz River Park, located at 1491 N. Riverview Blvd (west of the freeway off of Speedway). Boz Lomasney will provide all the equipment, but be sure to bring water and wear comfortable exercise clothes. If you've never played, that's okay! Boz will explain the game and will show those participating how to throw a disc. If you have any questions, call Boz at (440) 251-4704.

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. 10 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 Jeanette O'Donald in celebration of Pastor Ryan Heiman's installation today. May God bless his ministry at Grace!

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 Jeff & Stephanie Weinstein. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

New Members

In worship this morning at Grace-Sahuarita, we welcome Jim and Phyllis Kamrath who transferred in from Grace Lutheran Church in Lowell, Arkansas. We welcome them all to Grace and ask God's blessings upon them!

Mountaintop Experiences

Throughout the summer we have considered the lessons we learn from Bible events that took place on or near mountains. Today is our final "Mountaintop Experience" on Mount Zion.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

> Jeremiah 38:1-13 1 Peter 4:12-19 Mark 8:27-35

Sermon Text & Theme

1 Peter 4:12-19
What Do I Do When
Bad Things Happen?

Pastor Heiman Installation Today

Pastor Ryan Heiman's installation service is today at 4:00 PM at Grace-Tucson. Pastor Tim Otto from Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Las Vegas, NV will be the guest preacher. Dinner will follow the service.



Grace is one congregation at FOUR places!

Enjoy worship, Bible study and activities at Grace locations in Benson, Sahuarita, Tucson and Vail.

This Week at Grace • Sept 4-Sept 11

Wednesday

Midweek Bible Study: Church History7:00p
Thursday Women's Bible Study: <i>Digging for Insights</i> 9:00a
Friday ALA Varsity Football at Benson High School7:00p
Sunday Worship Services
Children's Sunday School8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): Bible Study9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
The Life of Christ: Jesus' Last Days9:00a
WOG Meeting following 10 AM worship
TCM Bible Study—Why Does God Allow Evil?7:00p

Midweek Bible Study: Church History10:00a

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Worship Service/Communion	
Coffee Fellowship following worship	
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VAIL	
Today	
Family Bible Study: Parables of Jesus	9:15a
Worship Service	10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship	
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Adult Bible Study: Of Kings & Prophets	9:15a
Children's Sunday School	9:15a
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Deer Valley Women's Retreat

The women of Deer Valley invite you to a one-day Women's Retreat at Deer Valley Lutheran Church in Phoenix (220 W. Union Hills Drive, 85027) on September 24 from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM (registration begins at 8:00). The theme this year is "We Are God's Flowers" and the guest speaker is Hank Shoop, a Christian Geologist. A light breakfast and luncheon is included in the day. Tickets are \$8. All guests registered by September 18th will receive a \$2 discount. You can pre-register by contacting Jenni Taylor at retreat@deervalley.org or call (623) 694-1847.

LWMS 2016 Fall Retreat

The LWMS Grand Canyon Circuits East & West will be having a combined 2016 Fall Retreat October 14-16 at Camp Shadow Pines in Heber, AZ (www.campshadowpines.com).

Registration forms are available online at www.grandcanyonlwms.org or can be found in the Fellowship Hall. There is also a flyer in the courtyard with speaker information and pricing for the retreat. The registration deadline is October 1, 2016. We have the opportunity to choose our room configuration and roommate preferences if we register early enough! Please contact Diane Kramm (440-8564) or your Grace site LWMS contact if you have questions.

Calendars and Coupon Cards Available

The Lifeliners (our high school youth group) are conducting their annual sale of Bible Verse Calendars (\$8 each or 2 for \$15) and Coupon Cards (\$20). The Coupon Cards are new this year. They will be sold instead of Entertainment Books. The Coupon Cards have deals for a variety of restaurants and businesses. The card is good for continuous use until October 15, 2017. The Lifeliners will be available in the Courtyard on Sunday mornings for you to make your purchases. Proceeds help fund Lifeliner activities.



Grace Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), a group of nearly 400,000 men, women, and children in nearly 1,300 congregations across the United States and Canada united by a common faith in Christ's saving love. We are committed to a common calling—encouraging each other in our faith and sharing God's gift of a Savior with the rest of the world.

For more information about our synod and what we believe visit: www.wels.net