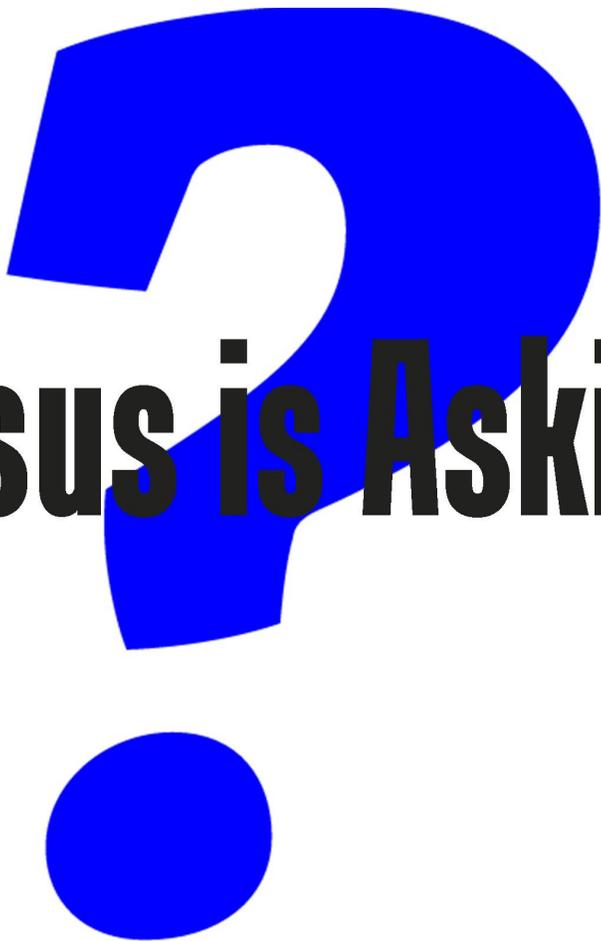


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**Jesus is Asking**

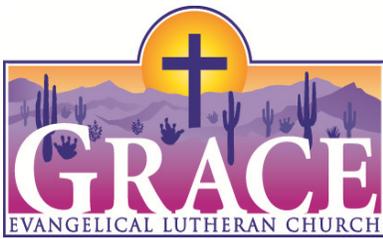
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

June 9, 2013



**WELS**

Christ's Love, Our Calling.



Our mission at Grace is to teach the inspired and inerrant Word of God, to proclaim that Jesus Christ is the crucified and risen Savior of the world and to nurture believers for lives of Christian service.

We are very pleased that you have joined us for worship today at Grace-University! We pray that this time will be a blessing for you as God comes to you with his Word and promises and as you offer him your thanks and praise.

### Worship Notes

The **order of service** we follow is printed out in this worship folder. You'll notice that the service is a dialogue between God and us, his people. The pastor speaks to God along with the congregation and also speaks the Word of God to the people.

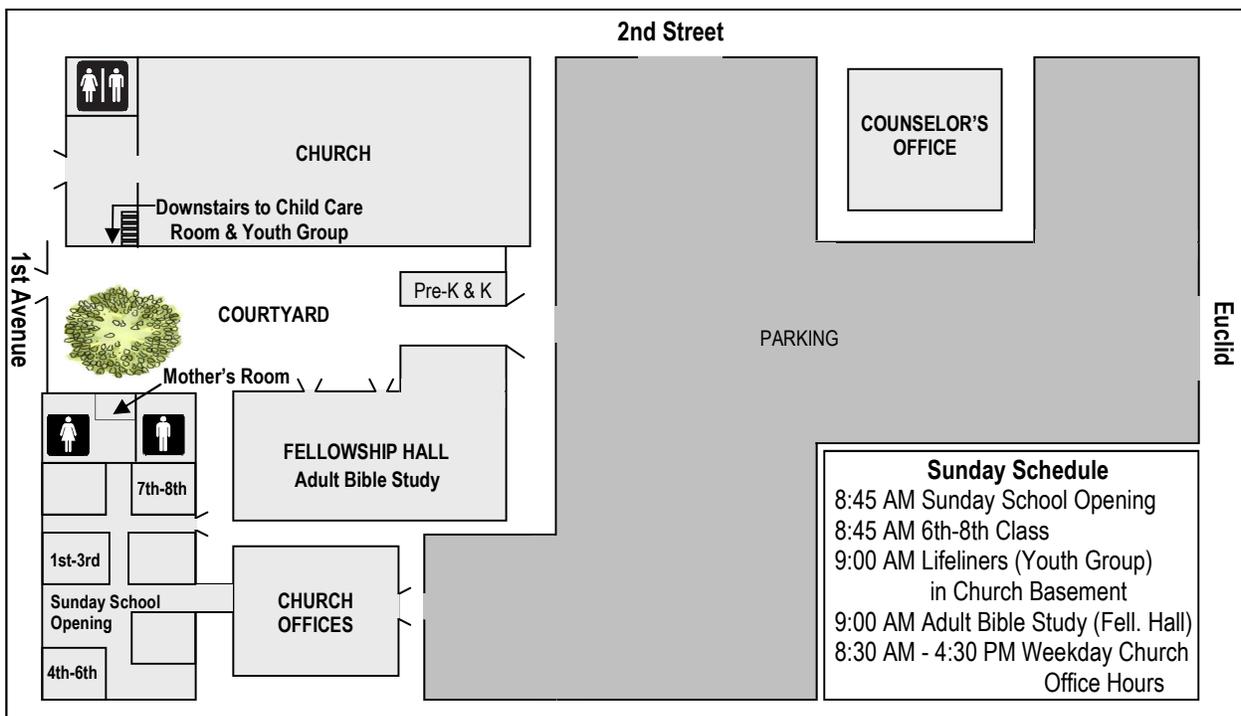
**Hymns** are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

**Large print** hymn sheets are available in the entryway. You may also ask an usher or greeter to get one for you.

We believe that many blessings come from having families worship together and we love to have **children in worship!** If you need to calm a restless child, you may:

- stand for a few moments in the entryway, sometimes that's all that's needed
- go down the stairs to the left in the entryway—they will lead down to the Child Care Room where you will still be able to hear the service
- visit the private Mother's Room across the courtyard in the women's restroom—you will be able to hear the service there also

Printed copies of the sermon are available in the entryway. CDs of the entire worship service will be made upon request from the sound technician in the balcony. It only takes a few minutes to copy. You may also find sermons and services in print, audio and video on our website: [www.GraceTucsonWELS.com](http://www.GraceTucsonWELS.com)



## SERVICE OF THE WORD

*Christian Worship*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CHOIR (10:00 AM)

**When I Get to Heaven**  
*Setting by Carl Nolte*

*When I get to heaven, gonna walk with Jesus.  
When I get to heaven, gonna see his face.  
When I get to heaven, gonna talk with Jesus,  
Saved by his wonderful grace.*

*Because I'm saved, saved, wonderfully saved,  
Washed in the blood of the Lamb.  
Saved, saved, wonderfully saved,  
and I'm so glad I am, hallelujah!*

### WELCOME

### HYMN

**Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**  
*Christian Worship #353*

*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: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

### PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

### PRESERVICE MUSIC:

*Beach Spring*  
*Setting by Rebecca*  
*R. Kramer*

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*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.*

In response to God's mercy and forgiveness, Christians praise God and proclaim his goodness. This song is comprised of two Bible passages: Psalm 34:8 and Psalm 119:89.

## OH, TASTE AND SEE



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith-ful-ness con -



tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

## 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.



C: A - men.

*Please be seated*

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:00 AM)

**M:** In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought David to be baptized. Jesus told us: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." It is in baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God's Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

**M:** Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart (†) to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

**M:** David Allan Kassulke, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

## EXHORTATION

**M:** Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that David may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

**C:** Yes, as God gives me strength.

**M:** Let us pray: Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on David and grant him a rich measure of your Spirit that he may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

Sing, O Daughter of Zion; shout aloud, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O Daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy. The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm. On that day they will say to Jerusalem, “Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands hang limp. The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing.” “The

### Zephaniah 3:14-20 (NIV)

sorrows for the appointed feasts I will remove from you; they are a burden and a reproach to you. At that time I will deal with all who oppressed you; I will rescue the lame and gather those who have been scattered. I will give them praise and honor in every land where they were put to shame. At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home. I will give you honor and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes,” says the LORD.

*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.*

*Refrain*



At the works of your hands, O Lord, I  
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

*Psalm Tone*



1. Sing to the Lord, you / saints of his;\* praise his / holy name.
2. For his anger lasts only a / moment,\* but his favor lasts a / lifetime;
3. weeping may remain / for a night,\* but rejoicing comes in the / morning.

*Refrain*

4. To you, O / Lord, I called;\* to the Lord I cried for / mercy.
5. Hear, O Lord, and be merci- / ful to me;\* O Lord, / be my help.
6. You turned my wailing into / dancing,\* that my heart may sing to you and not be / silent.
7. Glory be to the Father and / to the Son\* and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

*Refrain*

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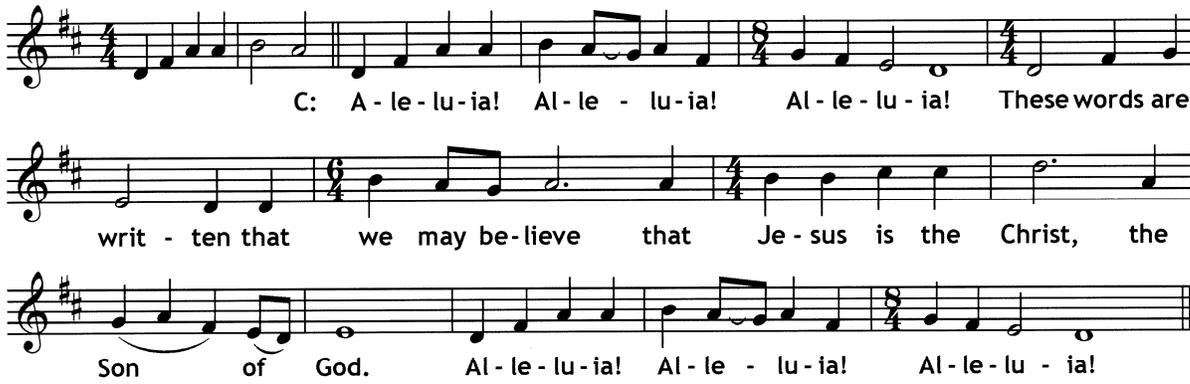
**SECOND LESSON**

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally,

**Philippians 4:4-9 (NIV)**

brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**



C: A - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! These words are  
writ - ten that we may be - lieve that Je - sus is the Christ, the  
Son of God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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

*Please stand*

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 9:14-17 (NIV)**

Then John’s disciples came and asked him, “How is it that we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?” Jesus answered, “How can the guests of the bridegroom mourn while he is with them? The time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; then they will fast. No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth

on an old garment, for the patch will pull away from the garment, making the tear worse. Neither do men pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst, the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved.”

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

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



C: Praise\_ be to you, O Christ!

*Please be seated*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**God of Mercy, God of Grace**  
*Christian Worship #249*

**SERMON**

**Matthew 9:14-17**  
**Life with Jesus = Joy**

*Please stand*

*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.*



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

**OFFERTORY  
MUSIC:**

*In dir ist Freude  
Setting by Rebecca  
R. Kramer*

**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*

**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:** Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

**C:** We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

**M:** You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

**C:** We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

**M:** Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

**C:** Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

- M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.
- C: **Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

- M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.
- C: **We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. 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

**When All Your Mercies, O My God**  
*Christian Worship #259*

*Please stand*

### PRAYER

- 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: A - men.

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

**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 upon you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Please be seated*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CLOSING HYMN**

**Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing**  
*Christian Worship #329*

**POSTLUDE:**

*Ode to Joy*  
 Setting by John Carter

**THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

- Preacher ..... Pastor Nathan Kassulke
- Worship Leader ..... Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM)
- Accompanist ..... Elaine Goldie
- Ushers ..... Vic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)  
 Dave Breikreitz, Ed Ethington, Dylan Guenther (10:00 AM)  
 Tyler Koehler, Ferdie Kramm, Josiah Weinstein (10:00 AM)
- Vacation Bible School Choir Director ..... Ariana Weinstein (10:00 AM)
- Sound & Recording Tech ..... Jeremy Snavelly (10:00 AM)
- Altar Prep Team ..... Lauri Colton, Audrey Street

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**Summer Worship Series**



Our summer worship series "Jesus is Asking" begins this morning. We will take a look at questions Jesus asked others and consider our response to the Savior. The 12-week series will be followed at both Grace-University and Grace-Vail. The same text will be used at both sites each week but the sermons will be slightly different because different pastors will be preaching! You may read or listen to both on the Grace website throughout the summer.

**Summer Bible Reading Challenge**

Join Pastor Rieke and take a 92 day Bible reading challenge this summer! The challenge started on June 1, but it's not too late to start. You can find the informational sheets which include the daily Bible readings in the Fellowship Hall.



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

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



**This Week at Grace • June 9-June 16**

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

- TODAY**  
 Worship Services.....7:45 & 10:00a  
**VBS Church Picnic Following 10 AM Worship**.....  
 Children’s Sunday School.....8:45a  
 Youth Confirmation Class.....8:45a  
 Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*.....9:00a  
 Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):  
 • *The Life of Christ: Prayers of Jesus*.....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
- Monday**  
*Bible Study at Vail Golf Club: Book of Acts* .....9:30a
- Wednesday**  
 Grace Extension Group Meeting .....9:00a  
 Midweek Bible Study: *Church History*..... 10:00a  
**NO** Bible Study at the Prigge's .....  
 Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* ..... 7:00p
- Thursday**  
 Women’s Bible Study: *The Narrow Lutheran Middle* ..... 9:00a
- Friday**  
 WELS Intl. Youth Rally Lifeline Trip—CA (June 14-16).....
- Sunday**  
 Worship Services/Communion..... 7:45 & 10:00a  
 Coffee Fellowship following both services .....  
 Children’s Sunday School ..... 8:45a  
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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.

## Baptism

David Allan Kassulke, son of Pastor Nathan and Beth Kassulke, born on May 28, will be made a forgiven child of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in 10:00 AM worship this morning.

## Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Nathan & Beth Kassulke in thanks to God for the gift of children and the new life in Christ they receive through baptism.

## You Are Invited!

You are invited to our annual Church Picnic today following 10:00 AM worship. There will be grilled hotdogs and hamburgers as well as fun activities for the kids. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

*Pastor Koehler is preaching at Grace Lutheran Church in Safford, AZ this morning.*

## NEXT SUNDAY

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

Deuteronomy 11:18-21

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 12:3, 5

### *Sermon Text & Theme*

Matthew 12:3, 5

*Read Your Bible!*

## Christian Education Funding Progress

Thank you again to all who completed the recent Christian Education Survey. It was helpful to hear your thoughts as we attempt to manage well the resources God has given to us, while somehow assisting our children with their Christian education. Education Elder DJ Miller and Pastor Kassulke have formed a committee which will bring a recommendation to the Church Council by June 22. Information and a proposal regarding tuition assistance for our children will be brought to the voters at a special Voters' Meeting on Tuesday, June 25 at 7:00 PM. That meeting will be held at Grace-University in the fellowship hall.

## Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving this Summer

Just as you rely on receiving income on a regular basis, our congregation relies on your regular offerings. We appreciate our members' efforts to make consistent donations throughout the year – especially during the summer travel periods. To assist you, Grace Lutheran Church wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to keep up on your intended offerings.

Please visit [www.gracetucsonwels.com](http://www.gracetucsonwels.com) at any time and click on the "Online Giving" button to set up an automatic offering plan, change your offering plan, make a one-time offering or view your online offering history. You can also access the online giving page by using your smart phone to scan the image you see to the right. If you prefer, you may also enroll in online giving by completing an authorization form available in the church entryway, office and fellowship hall.



## Youth Rally

Pastor Kassulke will be out of town June 14-16. He is taking our youth group, the Lifeliners, to the Arizona-California District Youth Rally in San Diego, CA.