

# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
August 30, 2015



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.

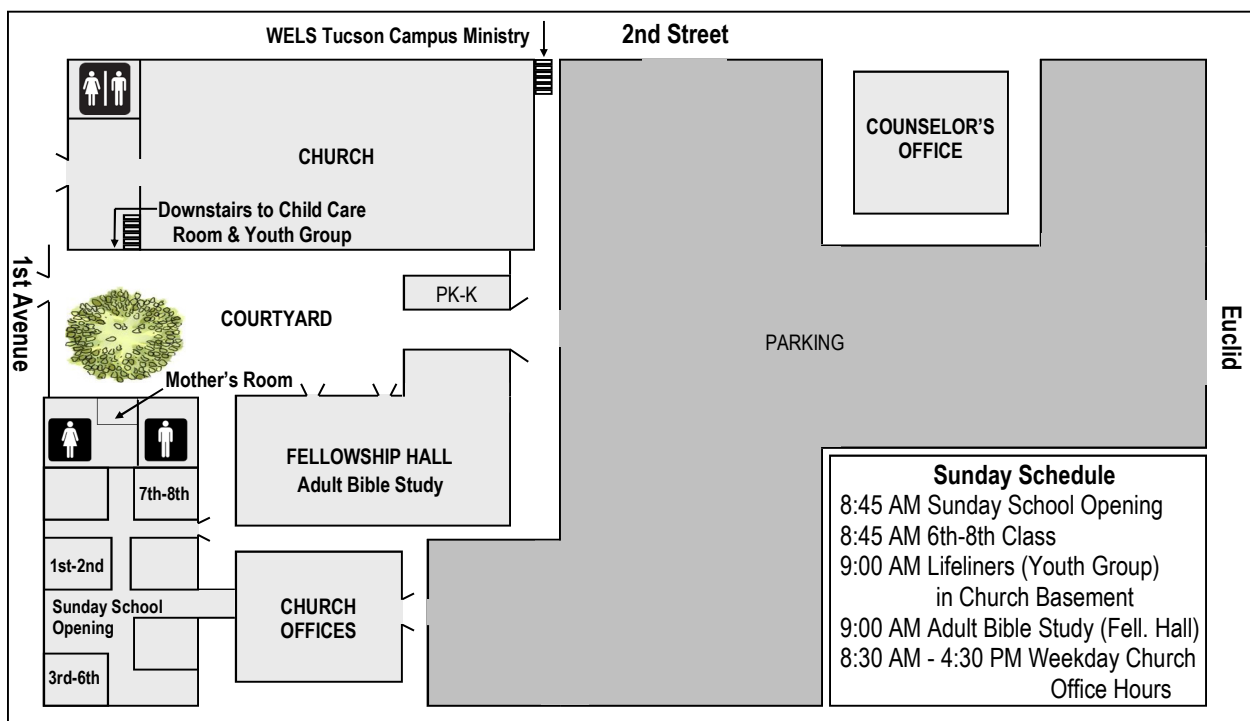
**Hymns** are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

**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](http://www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org)



# SERVICE OF THE WORD

*Christian Worship*

## WELCOME

## HYMN

**Chief of Sinners Though I Be**  
*Christian Worship #385*

*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.

## 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.

## PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM—

*Mighty Fortress*

Arr. by Jim

Brickman

10:00 AM—

*Be Thou My Vision*

Setting by Paul

Manz

*The words of this song of praise are based on Psalm 34:8 and Psalm 119:89. It marks our thankfulness to have heard God's forgiveness of our sins and anticipates our listening to God's Word throughout our worship service.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Please be seated*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

Early in the morning, Jerub-Baal (that is, Gideon) and all his men camped at the spring of Harod. The camp of Midian was north of them in the valley near the hill of Moreh. The LORD said to Gideon, “You have too many men for me to deliver Midian into their hands. In order that Israel may not boast against me that her own strength has saved her, announce now to the people, ‘Anyone who trembles with fear may turn back and leave Mount Gilead.’” So twenty-two thousand men left, while ten thousand remained. But the LORD said to Gideon, “There are still too many men. Take them down to the water, and I will sift them for you there. If I say, ‘This one shall go with you,’ he shall go; but if I say, ‘This one shall

### Judges 7:1-8 (NIV)

not go with you,’ he shall not go.” So Gideon took the men down to the water. There the LORD told him, “Separate those who lap the water with their tongues like a dog from those who kneel down to drink.” Three hundred men lapped with their hands to their mouths. All the rest got down on their knees to drink. The LORD said to Gideon, “With the three hundred men that lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hands. Let all the other men go, each to his own place.” So Gideon sent the rest of the Israelites to their tents but kept the three hundred, who took over the provisions and trumpets of the others.

*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*

Let the peo-ple praise you, O God. Let all the peo - ple praise you.

*Psalm Tone*

1. Endow the King with your justice, / O God,\*  
the royal Son with your / righteousness.
2. He will defend the afflicted among the / people\*  
and save the children of the / needy.
3. He will endure as long / as the sun,\*  
as long as the moon, through all gener- / ations.
4. He will be like rain falling on a / mown field,\*  
like showers water- / ing the earth.

*Refrain*

5. All kings will bow / down to him,\* and all nations will / serve him.
6. All nations will be / blessed through him,\* and they will / call him blessed.
7. Praise be to the Lord God, who alone does mar- / velous deeds.\*  
May the whole earth be filled with his / glory.
8. **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***SECOND LESSON**

I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it in the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race, the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen. It is not as

**Romans 9:1-9 (NIV)**

though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." In other words, it is not the natural children who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring. For this was how the promise was stated: "At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son."

*The Psalms were the hymnbook of the Old Testament. These poems, inspired by God, have been set to music and used in the worship lives of God's people for thousands of years. We give praise to God and encouragement to one another as we incorporate the singing of Psalms or selected verses of Psalms into our worship services.*

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**1 Timothy 1:10b cf. NIV**

M: Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.

*Please stand*

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

**GOSPEL**

**Luke 13:22-30 (NIV)**

Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?" He said to them, "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.' But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.' Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you

taught in our streets.' But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!' There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last."

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



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

*Please be seated*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**I Walk in Danger All the Way**  
*Christian Worship #431*

**SERMON**

**Judges 7:1-8**  
**By God's Strength Alone**

*Please 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.

*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!*

*7:45 AM – Please continue on page 7 with the Prayer of the Church.*

*10:00 AM—Please remain seated.*

## INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH BIBLE STUDY TEACHERS

*Teachers present themselves before the altar.*

**M:** Dear friends in Christ, you have been called as teachers in the Sunday School & youth education programs of this congregation. You are doing the work the Lord has committed to his Church: to teach the gospel of Jesus Christ, to make disciples of all nations, and to feed the lambs of the Lord Jesus. You do this work on behalf of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church and in association with the parents who entrust their children to your instruction and care.

Your work is both a great privilege and a serious responsibility. To equip yourselves for this blessed work, it is necessary that you faithfully study God's Word, devote yourselves to prayer for those entrusted to your care, and carefully prepare for the lessons you will teach. It is also of great importance in the teaching of the Savior's little ones that you set an example by leading Christian lives.

## PROMISE

**M:** I now ask you in the presence of God and this congregation:

Are you willing to accept this responsibility and to do your work faithfully, according to the ability God has given you? If so, answer: Yes, and I ask God to help me.

**R:** Yes, and I ask God to help me.



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

## OFFERTORY

### MUSIC:

**7:45 AM—**

*On Eagles' Wings*

*Arr. by Lloyd Larson*

### Sunday School Teachers

*The teachers being installed today will serve now until the end of May, 2016.*

*Installed at Grace-Tucson:*

*Meghan Heinz and Amy Rudd (PK-K)*

*Denise Hansen and Christa Kassulke (1-2)*

*Karen Grorud and Erika Hanson (3-6)*

*Jacob Kassulke & Bryan Guenther (Lifeliners)*

*Installed at Grace-Vail:*

*Julie Prigge and Kathy Silver*

*We would also like to thank those who served as Sunday School teachers during our summer session:*

*Jenn Miller and Missy Wiechmann (PK-K)*

*Dylan Guenther and Taylor Parra (1-2)*

*Lisa Goldie and Tyler Koehler (3-6).*

## INSTALLATION

M: I now install you as Sunday School & Youth Bible Study teachers of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, in the name of the Father, and of the Son (†), and of the Holy Spirit.

*The minister shakes the hands of those being installed, addressing each by name.*

M: May God grant you his Holy Spirit and give you wisdom and strength to carry out your duties to his glory and for the good of his children.

## EXHORTATION TO THE CONGREGATION

M: Members of Grace, I urge you to regard these teachers as servants of Jesus Christ, teachers of the gospel, and God's gifts to his Church. Support them in their work, pray for them, and bring your children to Sunday School, Confirmation Class, and Lifeline Bible Studies so that you and your families may receive the eternal blessings the Lord promises to those who hear and learn his Word.

## PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

Gracious Savior, you bless every effort to bring children up in the Christian faith. We ask you to give wisdom, kindness, and perseverance to teachers who feed your lambs. Teach them your truth so that they may teach others. Cause the children entrusted to their care to be eager to learn about their Savior. May your goodness go out into all the earth so that people in this community and everywhere may hear it and believe it, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

M: May the almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—bless and keep you. Go in the peace of the Lord.

*Please stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

**C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.**

M: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

**C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.**

M: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

**C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.**

M: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

**C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.**

*Christians stand for congregational prayer showing the freedom of God's children to come boldly into his presence.*

*The Christian theologian Augustine (400 AD) adds, "We pray standing. . . as a sign of the Resurrection."*



M: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with confidence that you will hear and with faith that you will respond for our welfare.

C: Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

*Matthew 6 and Luke 11 record how Jesus taught his disciples to pray. We use his example prayer as part of our public worship, trusting that he will hear and answer our prayers.*

*Please be seated*

## HYMN

The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace  
*Christian Worship #288*

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



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

**POSTLUDE:**

7:45 AM—  
Blest Are They  
CWS #758

10:00 AM—  
Lift High the Cross  
Setting by Paul  
Manz

*Please be seated*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CLOSING HYMN**

**Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink**  
*Christian Worship #405*

**THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

- Preacher** ..... Pastor Nathan Kassulke
- Worship Leader** ..... Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM)
- Accompanists** ..... Kathy Parra (7:45 AM), Tina Christianson (10:00 AM)
- Offertory Music** .....Melissa Newbrey (10:00 AM)
- Ushers** ..... Vic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)  
Dave Breitreitz, Ed Ethington, Dylan Guenther (10:00 AM)  
Lucas Guenther, Ferdie Kramm, Josiah Weinstein (10:00 AM)
- Sound & Recording Tech** .....Jeremy Snavelly (10:00 AM)

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**Baptism**

Patrick Brayden Farley, son of David and Shannon Farley, born on August 20, will be made a forgiven child of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in worship at Grace-Sahuarita this morning.

**Divine Call Extended**

At Grace's Call Meeting on Saturday, August 15, a Divine Call was extended to Pastor Daniel T. Schmidt to serve as Grace's mission pastor to Sahuarita. Pastor Schmidt currently serves at Hope Lutheran Church in Oconomowoc, WI. In addition to the Call in which he is serving at Hope Lutheran Church, Pastor Schmidt is also considering a Call extended to him to serve a new mission in Tyler, Texas.

A Pastor deliberating among three Calls is not common in our circles, but it does happen from time to time. Please keep Pastor Schmidt, his family, and all of the congregations affected in your prayers!

## 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.

## 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 the Grorud and Heinz families. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

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## Men's Fellowship

A monthly men's fellowship group is beginning with a kick-off brunch at the Good Egg on River & Oracle on Saturday, September 12 at 9:45am. There will be a short devotion and discussion on what events the group would like to do this year. Please **RSVP by September 9** to Cora in the church office (623-6633) if you plan on attending the brunch. For any other questions regarding the men's group please call Boz Lomasney at 440-251-4704.

## Women of Grace Brunch Meeting

There will be a Women of Grace brunch meeting on Saturday, September 19 at 10 AM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall.

Please bring "brunch" food to pass (cold cuts, salads, finger sandwiches, egg dishes, relish trays, bars & cookies, etc.)

Join us for food, fellowship and "future." It's time once again to move forward to a blessed new season at Grace! Questions? Call or text Diane Kramm at 440-8564.

## Fiesta Sahuarita

Grace is participating in this year's Fiesta Sahuarita, an annual event just down the road from Grace-Sahuarita at Anamax Park. This is a great opportunity for us to greet the community and introduce them to our church! The Fiesta is Saturday, September 26, noon until 9 PM. The event includes live music, food trucks, games, arts and crafts, and a waterslide. Grace will have a booth at the festival and will be looking for **volunteers from all the Grace locations to help staff the booth for an hour or two at a time**. Boz Lomasney will be at the booth most of the day, so the volunteers are additional help. There will be lots to see and do at the Fiesta, so anyone wanting to come staff the booth for a bit can then enjoy the rest of the activities as well! If you'd like to help please contact Diane Kramm at [pdkramm@earthlink.com](mailto:pdkramm@earthlink.com) or call/text her at 440-8564.

## English as a Second Language

The 15th year of our English as a Second Language program begins Monday, September 14 at 6:30 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. If you know of anyone who might be interested in participating please let them know! *ESL runs Mondays and Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM September through May.*

## Thank You

Pete and Terry Kosanke wish to thank the congregation for your thoughts and prayers these last 8 months while Pete was undergoing numerous foot surgeries and recovery and during Terry's "mini" strokes. We know how much God is in control and how much he loves us with wonderful people as you.



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 • Aug 30-Sept 6**

**TUCSON**

**Today**

Worship Services ..... 7:45 & 10:00a  
 Coffee Fellowship following both services .....  
 Children's Sunday School ..... 8:45a  
 Youth Confirmation Class ..... 8:45a  
 Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study* ..... 9:00a  
 Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) ..... 9:00a  
 • *Pastor Clemons* ..... 9:00a  
 WELS TCM Bible Study: *Hypocrisy* ..... 7:00p

**SAHUARITA**

**Today**

Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship ..... 9:45a  
 Bible Study: *The Beatitudes* ..... 11:00a

**Wednesday**

Bible Study: *Parables of Jesus* ..... 10:00a

**Friday**

Sahuarita WOG Meeting (snacks at 10:00a) ..... 10:30a

**Sunday**

Worship Service/Communion ..... 9:45a  
 Coffee Fellowship following worship .....

**BENSON**

**Today**

Worship Service ..... 7:30a

**Wednesday**

Bible Study: *What is the Church?* ..... 7:00p

**Sunday**

Worship Service ..... 7:30a

**Wednesday**

Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* ..... 10:00a  
 Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* ..... 6:30p

**Thursday**

Women's Bible Study: *Leviticus* .....

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**NO WELS TCM: Labor Day Weekend** .....

**VAIL**

**Today**

Bible Study: *Church-Mission-Ministry* ..... 9:00a  
 Children's Sunday School ..... 9:00a  
 Youth Confirmation ..... 9:00a  
 Worship Service ..... 10:00a  
 Coffee Fellowship following worship .....

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