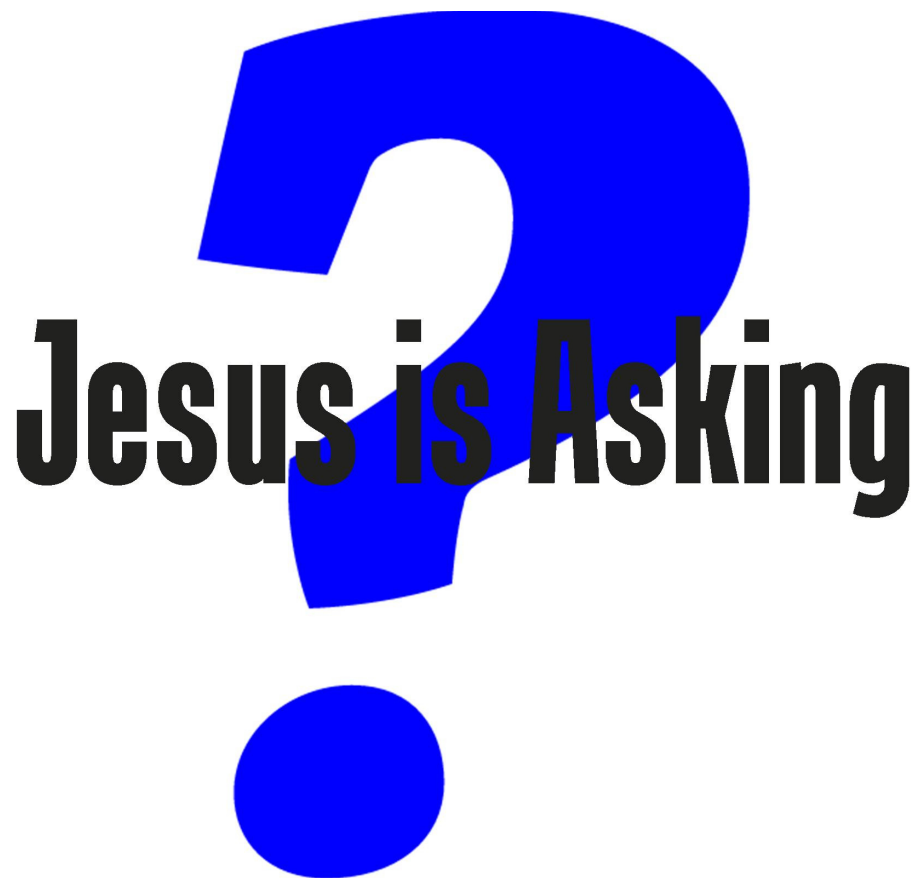


Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Jesus is Asking

“Will you really lay down your life for me?”

Grace Lutheran Church
August 25, 2013





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.

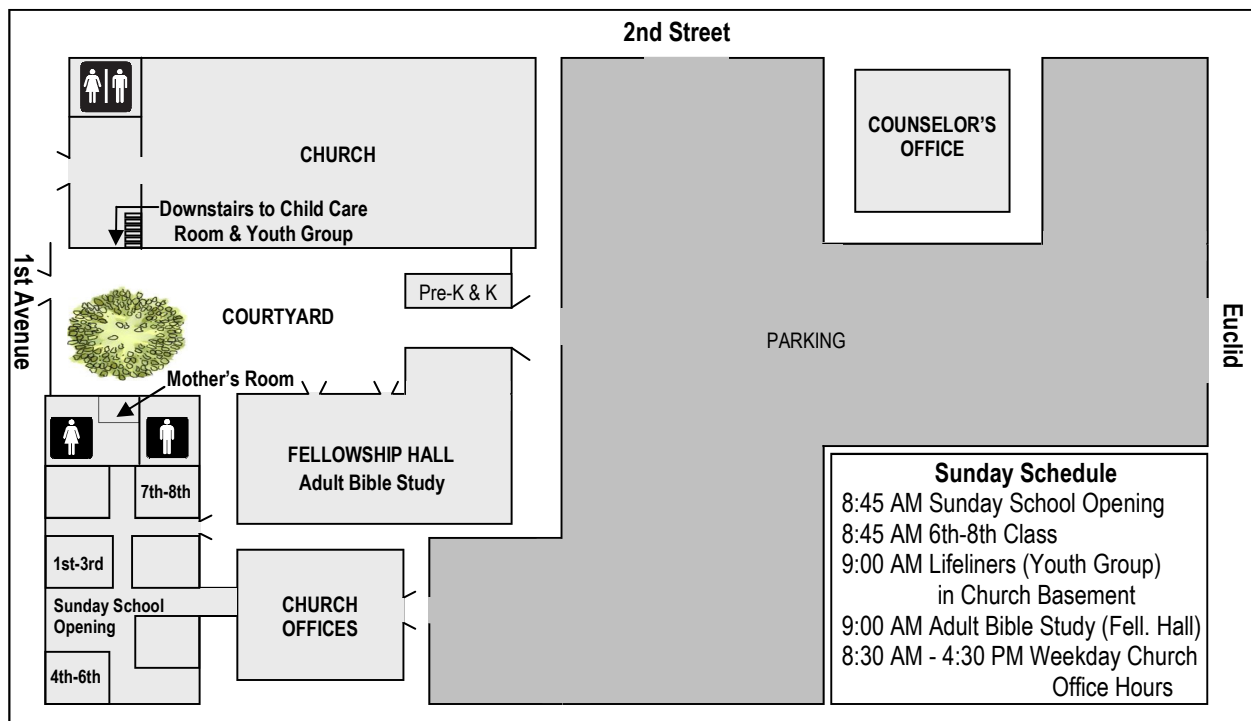
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



SERVICE OF THE WORD

Christian Worship

WELCOME

HYMN

This Is the Day the Lord Has Made
Christian Worship #225

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—

Ye Servants of God,
Your Master
Proclaim
Arr. by Penny
Rodriguez

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through 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

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

See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the

Deuteronomy 30:15-21 (NIV)

land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 119b

Refrain



Lord, you have the words of ev - er - last - ing life.

Psalm Tone



1. Teach me, O LORD, to follow / your decrees;* then I will keep them / to the end.
2. Give me understanding, and I will / keep your law* and obey it with / all my heart.
3. Direct me in the path of / your commands,* for there I / find delight.

Refrain

4. Turn my eyes away from / worthless things;* preserve my life according / to your Word.
5. Fulfill your promise to your / servant,* so that you / may be feared.
6. How I long for your / precepts!* Preserve my life in your / righteousness.
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

Revelation 12:10-12a (NIV)

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. They

overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them!”

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

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

GOSPEL

When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this

John 13:31-38 (NIV)

all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." Simon Peter asked him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus replied, "Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later." Peter asked, "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." Then Jesus answered, "Will you really lay down your life for me? I tell you the truth, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times!"

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose
Christian Worship #466

SERMON

John 13:38
Will You Really Lay Down Your Life for Me?

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.

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.

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.

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS by Pastor Kassulke, Grace's Youth & Family Pastor

Teachers present themselves before the altar.

- M: Dear friends in Christ, you have been called as teachers in the Sunday School program 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.
- M: 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.

INSTALLATION

M: I now install you as Sunday School 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.



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

7:45 AM—

*Let Us Ever Walk
with Jesus
Arr. by Kathy Parra*

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 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 God, we thank you for the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, your Son, and for the promised graces we have received through him. We thank you that through his perfect life and his obedience to death on the cross we have been granted cleansing and pardon for all our sins. We thank you that in his resurrection we have the promise of life everlasting and that in his ascension to the right hand of your majesty, we have the assurance that he continually intercedes for us.

Help us believe and trust in him, love and serve him, that in all our thoughts, words, and actions we may manifest his spirit. Rebuke our selfishness and subdue our self-indulgence. Deepen our sympathies, strengthen our hope, and confirm us in our faith.

Dwell in our homes, O Lord, and let the trust of our families be centered in you alone, so that no difficulty, trial, or adversity rob us of the conviction that you are our helper in every time of need. Relieve the afflictions of the weary and the sick, and dry the tears of the troubled and sorrowful. Lead them to look to you as the unfailing spring of healing and hope.

All these things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

I Gave My Life for Thee
Christian Worship #454

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.



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.



Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

We Are the Lord's
Christian Worship #427

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

POSTLUDE:
7:45 AM—
Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus
CW #474

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at TWO places!**

**Enjoy worship, Bible study
and activities at both
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This Week at Grace • Aug 25-Sept 1

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

- 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):
 • *Jesus’ Last Days* 9:00a
 Grace-Vail: *Future Planning Meeting* 9:00a
 Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem. 9:00a
 Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary 10:00a
 WELS TCM Welcome Back Party! 6:00p
- Monday**
 Bible Study at Vail Golf Club: *Book of Acts* 9:30a
- Tuesday**
 Worship Planning Team Meeting 6:30p
- Wednesday**
 Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* 10:00a
 Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* 7:00p
 Grow in Grace Bible Study at the Prigge's 7:00p
- Thursday**
 Women’s Bible Study: *The Narrow Lutheran Middle* 9:00a
 Grow in Grace Class (Office) Non-Members Only 6:30p
 Grace-Vail Grow in Grace Class at Barb Kiepkke’s 6:30p
- Sunday**
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 Coffee Fellowship following both services
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 Grace-Vail Bible Study Cottonwood Elem: *Exodus* 9:00a
 Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem. 9:00a
 Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary 10:00a

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THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher Pastor Ron Koehler
Worship Leader Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Accompanists..... Kathy Parra (7:45 AM), Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Ushers Jay Wiechmann, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)
Mark Christianson, Jon Dongoske, Danny Koehler (10:00 AM)
Taylor Parra, Dustin Pauley, Rick Street (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Altar Prep Team Navonne Baxter, Sally Littau, Merri Myrmo

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 to God's glory for all the blessings he has given them.

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 Audrey Street and Bob Nessinger. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

WELS Tucson Campus Ministry

College students, the WELS TCM Welcome Back Party is this evening at 6:00 PM. All college students or anyone of approximately college age is encouraged to attend. Information will be available regarding our semester schedule for Bible studies and activities, as well as food and fun, and an opportunity to sign up for parking permits for the semester. Contact Pastor Kassulke in the office if you have any questions (623-6633).

The TCM semester schedule is available for pick-up at both entrances of church. Find out more about WELS TCM at www.welstcm.com.

Vail Future Planning Meeting

Today at Grace-Vail is the second of our "Future Planning Meetings." This week the discussion concerns inreach, stewardship, and fellowship. These meetings are intended both to share information and to give members opportunities to get more involved in the work at our Vail location. Please contact Pastor Rieke if you have any questions about these meetings.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Proverbs 25:6-7
James 2:1-13
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon Text & Theme

Luke 14:1, 7-14
Christian Humility

Thank You's

The Miller family would like to thank you for your support following Jon's injury.

Helen and Ron Kwart, along with their son, Don Paul, would like to thank you for your prayers and phone calls during recent health issues and Don's successful hip surgery.

Calendars and Coupon Books Available Soon

Beginning next week, the Lifeliners (our high school youth group) will be conducting their annual sale of Bible Verse Calendars (\$8 each or 2 for \$15) and Entertainment Coupon Books (\$30). The Lifeliners will be available in the Courtyard on Sunday mornings for you to make your purchases. Proceeds help fund Lifeliner activities, including the 2014 WELS International Youth Rally in Tennessee next summer.

September Christian Fellowship Meeting

Saturday, September 14 at 10:00 AM in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall, Jon Guenther will be coming back with Part II of *"My Early Childhood on the Apache Indian Reservation."* Come early to get a good seat and hear his concluding comments and see the visual aids he'll be using. Please bring a snack to share and questions for Jon. Also, there will be a brief business meeting that will focus on the "Change for Life" program Grace is participating in. The kickoff day for that program is the next day, Sunday, September 15. See you on both days! *The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and better with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis. They are hosting this special event and all ages are welcome to attend!*

Change for Life Program

Our congregation is participating in the *Change for Life* program to support the ministry of *New Beginnings—A Home for Mothers*. *New Beginnings* has provided a place for a single mother and her child to live, learn to care for her child, and, most importantly, learn about God and the salvation He provides in Jesus. On Sunday, September 15, there will be a table in the courtyard with the *Change for Life* baby bottles that you may pick up and fill with the change you accumulate on a daily basis. On October 27, return the filled bottle to church where the money will be collected and sent to support *New Beginnings*. Your donation will make a big difference in the lives of moms and children there!

Worship Choir

Our first Worship Choir rehearsal is coming up on Thursday, September 12. Choir kickoff activities begin that evening at 5:30 with dinner provided for the choir members and their families. Please RSVP to Teriguen@msn.com or music@gracetucsonwels.com to help in planning. The actual rehearsal begins at 6:30pm with a special guest and lots of fun!

Lutheran Pioneers

A new year of Lutheran Pioneers is scheduled to begin on Thursday evening, September 5, at 6:30. Pioneers is a program for school-aged children to learn more about God's Word and his world while also developing life skills and having fun together. We are looking for additional helpers for our Pioneer program. Please speak to Pastor Kassulke if you have any questions or are interested in helping.

Sunday School Teachers

The following teachers, installed in the 10:00 AM worship service today, will begin serving next Sunday, September 1 at Grace-University:

Nancy Miles and Amy Rudd (PK-K)
Christa Goldie and Denise Hansen (1-2)
Karen Grorud and Erika Hanson (3-4)
Lisa Goldie and Deb Walshaw (5-6)

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:

Meghan Heinz and Aimee Wilson (PK-K)
Lisa Goldie (1-3)
Jay Pauley and Jenna Denzler (4-6).