

# Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 24, 2011

*“...anyone who does not take  
his cross and follow me is  
not worthy of me.”*

*-Matthew 10:38*



10:00 AM Worship



*From the fullness of his GRACE we have all received one blessing after another.*

*John 1:16*

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

*Christian Worship*

## WELCOME

## HYMN

**O Savior, Precious Savior**  
*Christian Worship #368*

## 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



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.

*BE SEATED*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

**Exodus 32:15-29**

Moses turned and went down the mountain with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands. They were inscribed on both sides, front and back. The tablets were the work of God; the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets. When Joshua heard the noise of the people shouting, he said to Moses, "There is the sound of war in the camp." Moses replied: "It is not the sound of victory, it is not the sound of defeat; it is the sound of singing that I hear." When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, his anger burned and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain. And he took the calf they had made and burned it in the fire; then he ground it to powder, scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it. He said to Aaron, "What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?" "Do not be angry, my lord," Aaron answered. "You know how prone these people are to evil. They said to me, 'Make us gods who will go

before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him.' So I told them, 'Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.' Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!" Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughingstock to their enemies. So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, "Whoever is for the LORD, come to me." And all the Levites rallied to him. Then he said to them, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth through the camp from one end to the other, each killing his brother and friend and neighbor.'" The Levites did as Moses commanded, and that day about three thousand of the people died. Then Moses said, "You have been set apart to the LORD today, for you were against your own sons and brothers, and he has blessed you this day."

*Refrain*



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

*Psalm Tone*



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1. I will sing of the LORD'S great love for- / ever;\*  
I will make your faithfulness known through all gener- / ations.
2. I will declare that your love stands firm for- / ever,\*  
that you established your faithfulness in heav- / en  
itself.
3. The heavens praise your won- / ders, O LORD,\*  
your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the / holy  
ones.
4. O LORD God Almighty, who / is like you?\*You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness sur- / rounds you.
5. Blessed are those who have learned to ac- / claim  
you,\*  
who walk in the light of your pres- / ence, O  
LORD.
6. They rejoice in your name / all day long;\*  
they exult 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*

4. O LORD God Almighty, who / is like you?\*
- You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness sur- / rounds you.

*Refrain*

**SECOND LESSON**

**1 John 2:15-17**

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of

what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

Al - 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!

**STAND**

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 10:34-42**

“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn ‘a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’ Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and

whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me. Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man’s reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward.”

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

**BE SEATED**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Jesus! and Shall It Ever Be**  
*Christian Worship #347*

**SERMON**

**Matthew 10:34-42  
At Peace with God  
At War with the World**

*STAND*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

**THANKSGIVING**

**OFFERING** *Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation's work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God's kingdom.*

*Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the pew and pass along. Thank You!*

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

**Guide Me Oh Thou Great Jehovah**

*By Wilbur Held*

*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.**

*BE SEATED*

### HYMN

**Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken**  
*Christian Worship #465*

*STAND*

**M:** Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

**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.

*BE SEATED*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CLOSING HYMN**

**Take the World, but Give Me Jesus**  
*Christian Worship #355*

**POSTLUDE**

**From Heaven Above to Earth I Come**  
*Setting by Hal Hopson*

**THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

- Preacher** .....Pastor Sam Clemons
- Worship Leader** .....Pastor Colin Rieke  
Grace’s Mission Pastor to Vail
- Accompanist** .....Tina Christianson
- Ushers**..... Jon Dongoske, Joe Dyjak, Nathanael Dyjak
- Sound & Recording Tech** .....Jeremy Snavelly





# Welcome to Grace!

**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.

**Altar flowers** have been given by the Hawkins Family in memory of a dear brother and uncle, Lester Oberfeld.

## Confirmation

Emily Holz was confirmed during the 7:45 AM worship service this morning. We welcome her to Grace and ask God's blessings on her!

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### *Read Ahead for Next Sunday:*

Joshua 23:1-11

Hebrews 4:1-11

Matthew 11:25-30

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## You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship following 10:00 AM worship today. Please join us in the courtyard.

## Pastor Koehler Called to be MLS President

Pastor Koehler has received a Divine Call to serve as President of Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw, Michigan. MLS is one of two WELS preparatory schools (along with Luther Prep School in Watertown, WI). The school's mission is to prepare young people for a lifetime of service to the Lord Jesus Christ. The special purpose of MLS is to train high school students for the public ministry of the gospel and to enroll them upon graduation at Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota.

This means that Pastor Koehler now holds two calls—one to Grace and one to Michigan Lutheran Seminary. He asks that you please keep him and his family in your prayers as he considers whether to continue to serve the Lord here at Grace or to accept the Call to serve as president of MLS. He invites any thoughts or questions you might have regarding this Call.

## Synod Convention

Pastor Clemons will be leaving today to serve as a delegate to the 61st Synod Convention, which will be held in Watertown, WI this week. There will be **NO** Wednesday Bible class this Wednesday, July 27. Pastor Clemons and Mary will remain in Wisconsin through August 15 but the Wednesday Bible class will still meet August 3 & 10.

## Dishes in the Kitchen

There are a number of dishes waiting in the kitchen to be picked up by their rightful owners. They tend to take up a lot of space so if you have brought food to one of our many functions recently, please stop by the kitchen and pick up your dishware today. Thanks!

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### *To Aid You in Worship...*

- LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX. ASK A GREETER OR USHER FOR A COPY.
- *For those with young children:* A private Mother's Room is located across the courtyard in the Ladies' Restroom. Parents of young children may also use the Child Care Room in the basement at any time to quiet and care for them (the service can be heard in both locations).
- Sermon copies & service CDs are available in the narthex.

## This Week's Schedule (7/24/11 - 7/31/11)

### Today

- Worship Services .....7:45 & 10:00a
- Children's Sunday School .....8:45a
- Youth Confirmation Class .....8:45a
- Adult Bible Class: *The Life of Christ: The Nativity*.....9:00a
- Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study* .....9:00a
- Coffee Fellowship Following 10 AM Worship .....

### Monday

- Financial Peace University ..... 6:30p

### Wednesday

- NO** Midweek Bible Classes .....

### Thursday

- Women's Bible Class .....9:00a

### Sunday

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### **Special Wednesday Bible Class**

On Wednesday, August 3, during both Bible classes (10:00 AM & 6:45 PM) you will get a chance to meet Pastor Colin Rieke and his wife, Kristin, in an informal setting. Among other things, Pastor Rieke will talk about growing up as the child of a missionary in Africa. We hope you can use this opportunity to get to know our new pastor and his wife.

### **Anniversary Services**

If you haven't done so already, please mark your calendars for our two special services celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Grace Lutheran Church. The first service is Sunday afternoon, September 11. Rev. Jon Buchholz, our District President and a son of our congregation, will preach. The second service is Sunday morning, October 9 at 10:00 AM. Our Synod President, Rev. Mark Schroeder, will preach for that service. The anniversary service will be our only scheduled worship service on October 9 (no 7:45 AM service).

### **Women of Grace Craft Fair**

The Women of Grace will host a craft fair in conjunction with the Roast Beef Dinner this Fall. Anyone interested in donating crafts please let Beth Kassulke (293-2935) or Debbie Koehler (293-5617) know. Don't forget, there are Scrip gift cards available for Michael's & Joann's Fabrics.

### **Sunday School Today**

Today in Sunday School, students are exploring Luke 10:38-42 as they study "Journey to Bethany." Students are learning about Jesus' visit with the sisters Mary and Martha. A family talk topic might be how we focus our attention on the Word of God. *A review question might be, "What did Jesus say was more important? How does God help us grow in His Word?"*

### **WELS Tucson Campus Ministry**

Attention college students and friends: plan to join us for the kickoff of our next semester of WELS Tucson Campus Ministry. Our WELS TCM Welcome Back Party is Sunday, August 28 at 6:00 PM. We'll have food and fun, and a great opportunity to get to know WELS TCM better!

## **Give electronically**

Did you know that Grace offers the option to give your offerings electronically? Contact the church office at 623-6633 for more details.

## **Grace Website**

Be sure to visit our Grace website at [www.GraceTucsonWELS.com](http://www.GraceTucsonWELS.com). We have added several new features recently. On the website, you can watch service videos and follow along with the service folder, hear audio sermons, work through some online Bible studies, and find current schedules and information. Friends of Grace can also now make donations online. Some website items are only available to Grace members through your personal login, so be sure to sign up if you have not done so already.

## **Grace Emails**

We are working to set up a way to easily email our members and friends to share important information, updates, and reminders. Don't miss out! Make sure that we have your current email address by writing it in the friendship register or by emailing Cora at [office@GraceTucsonWELS.com](mailto:office@GraceTucsonWELS.com). This is just one more way that we are doing our best to keep in touch with everyone and share information.

## **Arizona Tuition Tax Credit**

Students from Grace have received almost \$21,000 in tuition assistance through the Arizona Tuition Tax Credit program. These scholarships are available from donations made to the HELP Scholarship Foundation, the Institute for Better Education, and other School Tuition Organizations. Donations of up to \$500 per person or \$1000 for married couples may be claimed as a tax credit. Thank you to many members and friends of Grace who have contributed through this program. Donation forms are available in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to contribute. Please speak to one of the pastors if you would like more information.

## **ALA Scrip**

Purchase full-value gift cards through the Arizona Lutheran Academy Scrip program and a portion of your purchase is used in support of Lutheran education. Gift cards are available from a wide variety of retailers, from grocery stores and restaurants to home improvement and electronics stores. Using Scrip is another way you can support Lutheran education without even spending additional money (just use Scrip for purchases you are making anyway)!

From June, 2010 through May, 2011, customers at Grace purchased \$134,622.09 worth of Scrip gift cards. This has resulted in \$7,177.07 of profits. About half of all profits benefit ALA directly, and the other half may be directed by the customers (to ALA, to Grace, or to the tuition account of a student at ALA or Redeemer—see the sign in the courtyard display case for eligible students from Grace).

**If you are a qualifying Scrip customer, you should have received a profit report with the opportunity to direct your Scrip profits as you choose. Scrip profits that are directed to Grace will be used for our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and Vail Outreach.**

If you have questions about Scrip or would like to purchase, see Vic and Lois Thornton in the Courtyard after the 7:45 AM worship service, or Debbie Koehler after the 10:00 AM service. If you are not a current Scrip customer, please check it out!

