

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 2011



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

Songs of Praise the Angels Sang
Christian Worship #222

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.

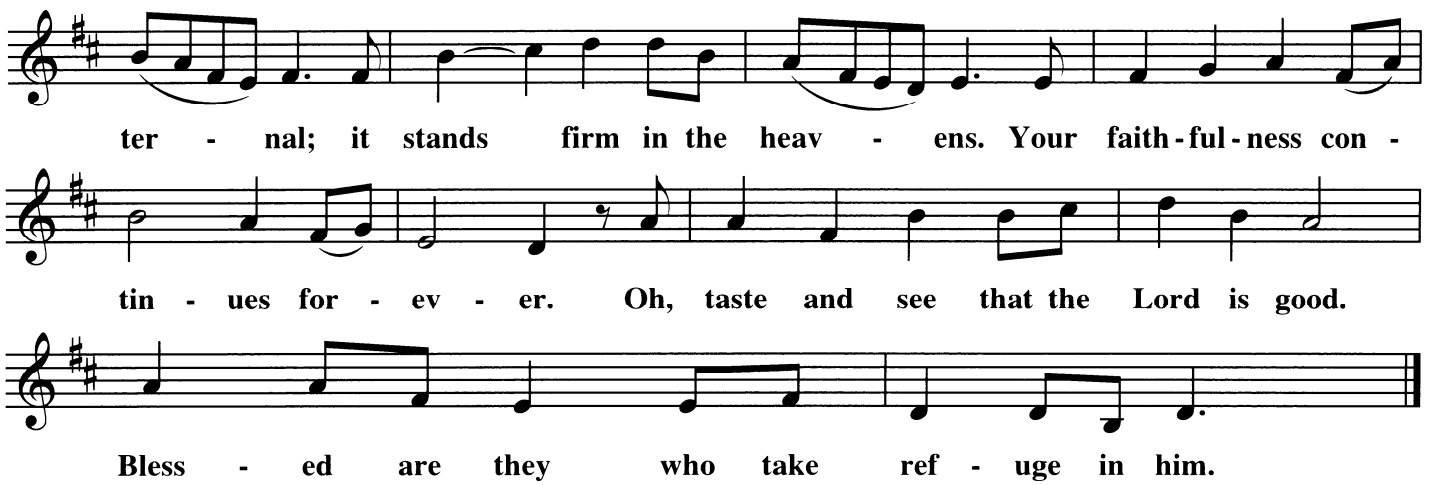
OH, TASTE AND SEE



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. God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

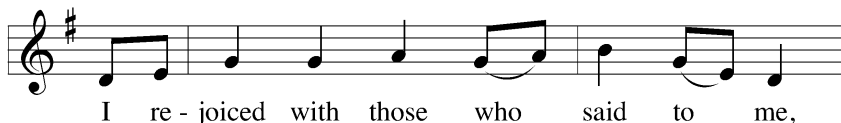
FIRST LESSON

Joshua 23:1-11

After a long time had passed and the LORD had given Israel rest from all their enemies around them, Joshua, by then old and well advanced in years, summoned all Israel—their elders, leaders, judges and officials—and said to them: “I am old and well advanced in years. You yourselves have seen everything the LORD your God has done to all these nations for your sake; it was the LORD your God who fought for you. Remember how I have allotted as an inheritance for your tribes all the land of the nations that remain—the nations I conquered—between the Jordan and the Great Sea in the west. The LORD your God himself will drive them out of your way. He will push them out before you, and

you will take possession of their land, as the LORD your God promised you. “Be very strong; be careful to obey all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, without turning aside to the right or to the left. Do not associate with these nations that remain among you; do not invoke the names of their gods or swear by them. You must not serve them or bow down to them. But you are to hold fast to the LORD your God, as you have until now. “The LORD has driven out before you great and powerful nations; to this day no one has been able to withstand you. One of you routs a thousand, because the LORD your God fights for you, just as he promised. So be very careful to love the LORD your God.

(10:00 AM) *The soloist will sing the verses. The congregation may join with the refrains and verse 4.*

Refrain*Psalm Tone*

I rejoiced with those who said to me,
 “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
 Our feet are standing in your gates,
 O Jerusalem.

Refrain

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
 “May those who love you be secure.
 May there be peace within your walls
 and security within your citadels.”

Refrain

For the sake of my brothers and friends,
 I will say, “Peace be within you.”
 For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
 I will seek your prosperity.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*Refrain***SECOND LESSON**

Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith. Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said, “So I declared on oath in my anger, “They shall never enter my rest.”” And yet his work has been finished since the creation of the world. For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in these words: “And on the seventh day God rested from all his work.” And again in the passage above he says, “They shall never enter my rest.” It still

Hebrews 4:1-11

remains that some will enter that rest, and those who formerly had the gospel preached to them did not go in, because of their disobedience. Therefore God again set a certain day, calling it Today, when a long time later he spoke through David, as was said before: “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God’s rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience.

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 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure. "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and

those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Leave All Things to God's Direction
Christian Worship #414

SERMON

Hebrews 4:1-11
Don't Fall Short of God's Sabbath Rest!

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

7:45 AM

Your Kingdom, O God
Christian Worship Supplement #755

10:00 AM

Take My Hand, Precious Lord
By Rev. Thomas Dorsey

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

O God, Forsake Me Not
Christian Worship #424

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

Yours Forever, God of Love
Christian Worship #426

POSTLUDE

7:45 AM

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Arranged by Valerie Floeter

10:00 AM

What is the World to Me?
By Flor Peeters

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

PreacherPastor Ron Koehler
Worship LeaderPastor Colin Rieke
Grace's Mission Pastor to Vail
Accompanists Gloria Gerdts & Amanda Schulz (7:45 AM)
Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
SoloistJeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Ushers Jay Wiechmann (7:45 AM)
Jon Dongoske, Joe Dyjak, Nathanael Dyjak (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech Jeremy Snavelly (10:00 AM)



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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.

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 Kosanke Family in memory of Harold & Lucy Jo Kosanke and Bonnie & Earl Stone.

Read Ahead for Next Sunday:

Isaiah 55:10-13

Acts 18:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Next Sun. Sermon Text & Theme:

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Learn Lessons from Scattered Seed

You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship following 10:00 AM worship today hosted by Sally Littau, Nancy Miles, Pat Rader, and Lois Thornton. 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.

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.

Choir Is Starting Soon!

Choir will be starting up a little early this summer so we have plenty of time to prepare for our special 100th anniversary services. What a blessing from God to sing praises in thanksgiving for 100 years of His grace!

If EVER you have considered joining choir here at Grace, this is the time! We invite ALL members confirmation age and up!

The first practice is Thursday, August 11 @ 6:30 PM!

This Week's Schedule (7/31/11 - 8/7/11)

Today

- Worship Services7:45 & 10:00a
- Children's Sunday School8:45a
- Youth Confirmation Class8:45a
- 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

- Grace Extension Meeting9:00a
- Special Midweek Bible Class With Pastor Rieke..... 10:00a
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Thursday

- Women's Bible Class9:00a

Sunday

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Special Wednesday Bible Class

This 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.

Fall Rally

The fall rally of the Grand Canyon Circuit of LWMS will be held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Tempe on October 1. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you plan on attending. Registration fee is \$10 which includes lunch and should be given to Sue Sargent no later than September 11. More information can be found in the Women of Grace display case in the courtyard. You can also talk to Sue Sargent (647-3049) or Dorothy Rauh (296-8840) if you have further questions.

Anniversary Services

If you haven't done so already, please mark your calendars for our two special services celebrating the 100th 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).

Synod Convention

Pastor Clemons served as a delegate to the 61st Synod Convention, which was held in Watertown, WI this past week. Pastor Clemons and Mary will remain in Wisconsin through August 15 but the Wednesday Bible class will still meet August 3 & 10.

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!

Sunday School Today

As they continue their studies of how God used journeys throughout Scripture, students in Sunday School today are exploring Mark 11:1–11 and Luke 19:28–40, “Journey to Jerusalem.” Students are learning about Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. *In discussing how this event sets the stage for the events of Holy Week, parents might ask their children, “What do you remember most about today’s lesson? How do we welcome Jesus into our homes today?”*

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.

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!

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. This is just one more way that we are doing our best to keep in touch with everyone and share information.

Grace Website

Be sure to visit our Grace website at 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.

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 100th 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!

