



Trinity Sunday

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church
June 3, 2012



**830 N. First Ave
Tucson, AZ 85719**

Worshiping Sunday Morning
at 7:45 & 10:00

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.



**9950 E. Rees Loop
Tucson, AZ 85747**

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As We Gather

We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord and the Savior of all mankind. We are delighted that you have chosen to spend this hour of worship with us and pray that your faith will be strengthened and your spirit lifted as we exalt the Lord our God.

A Prayer Before Worship

Lord God, unite our voices with the praise of all creation, that we may worthily magnify your excellent greatness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A Few Notes About Our Service

The Order of Worship

God does not restrict us to specific orders of worship. We are free to worship him in many different ways. From ancient times Christians have chosen to use a "liturgy" to guide them in worship. The word "liturgy" means service. Liturgies are orders of worship which provide a solemn setting for songs and expressions of praise, repentance of sins, attentiveness to God's word, public profession of our faith, prayer, and support for his kingdom.

Dialogue

The Lutheran liturgies contain a series of dialogues between the worship leader and the assembled congregation, and between the congregation and God. The movements of the worship leader are significant; they point the direction of our worship. When the worship leader faces the altar, it signifies that the leader and congregation are speaking to God with prayers or praises. At other times when the leader faces the congregation he is acting as God's spokesman who brings God's word to God's people.

Trinity Sunday

We have now entered into the non-festival half of the Church Year. We never leave behind Christ and his work for us which was the center of our attention in the festival half of the Church Year; but now the emphasis will shift to the result of his work through the Word: the work of defining faith, of creating it and inspiring its fruits in the church collectively and in each of us individually.

WELCOME

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty
Christian Worship #195

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
On - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Who was and is and ev - er - more shall be.
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

STAND

INVOCATION

MINISTER: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

CONGREGATION: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction:

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord have mer - cy on us. A - men.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

GLORIA

Music by Pastor Michael Schultz

The soloist will sing the verses, the congregation may join in the refrains.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the
high-est and peace, peace, peace, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Kyrie—We sing our penitential confession to our Triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit, asking for his mercy. The name Kyrie is shortened from the Greek Kyrie Eleison, which means “Lord have mercy.”

Gloria—The congregation’s song in response reflects the joy of the angels at the birth of the Savior. It gives the triune God glory, praise, and thanks.

*Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father.
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*

Refrain

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of God the Father: receive our prayer, receive our prayer.*

Refrain

*For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.*

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray. Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ: in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BE SEATED

WE READ FROM SCRIPTURE

FIRST LESSON

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. "Woe to

me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Isaiah 6:1-8

*"And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe."
-1 Thessalonians 2:13*

PSALM 150

M: Praise God in his sanctuary;

C: **praise him in his mighty heavens.**

M: Praise him for his acts of power;

C: **praise him for his surpassing greatness.**

M: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,

C: **praise him with the harp and lyre,**

M: praise him with tambourine and dancing,

C: **praise him with strings and flute,**

M: praise him with the clash of cymbals,

C: **praise him with resounding cymbals.**

M: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

C: **Praise the LORD.**

ALL: **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.**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:14-17

...because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba*, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our

spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Isaiah 6:3b

M: Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. Alleluia.

STAND

The congregation stands and sings a song of praise out of respect for the words of Christ, our King.

GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him.” In reply Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.” “How can a man be born when he is old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb to be born!” Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone

born of the Spirit.” “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked. “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH

“That if you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.” -Romans 10:9,10

ATHANASIAN CREED

The Athanasian Creed is a Christian statement of beliefs that has served the Church for over 1500 years. It leads us to confess with absolute certainty that we have a Triune God—that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are three distinct persons, yet only one God! Note that good works or deeds are mentioned at the end. We know that our works cannot save us, but those good things we do serve as evidence that we have faith in our Triune God!

Please see the screen at the front of church for the responsive reading of the Creed.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest
Christian Worship #177

1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make our
2 To you, the Coun - se - lor, we cry, To you, the
3 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed your
4 Drive far a - way our wi - ly foe, And your a -

hearts your place of rest; Come with your grace and
gift of God most high; The fount of life, the
love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our
bid - ing peace be - stow; If you are our pro -

heav'n - ly aid, And fill the hearts which you have made.
fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
mor - tal state With death - less might in - vig - o - rate.
tect - ing guide, No e - vil can with us a - bide.

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| <p>5 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And you, from both, as Three in One
That we your name may ever bless
And in our lives the truth confess.</p> | <p>6 Praise we the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, with them One,
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!</p> |
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SERMON

John 3:1-17

The Great Love of Our Triune God

After the sermon, please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction:

C: Cre - ate in me a pure heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Do not cast me a - way from your pres - ence or

Copies of the sermon are available in the back at the information table and will be posted on the Grace website.



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!

OFFERTORY MUSIC

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Triune God, you are the one eternal God, whose name we praise forever. We could not have known you, our only Savior, if you had not revealed yourself to us as Father, Son and Spirit—three persons, yet one God. Remove from us all unbelief, and grant us humble faith as we contemplate this high and holy mystery.

God our Father, whatever good is in us and whatever good we do, comes from you alone. In you we live and move and have our being. Open our eyes to see the gifts you shower down upon us daily—purely out of your own fatherly love and care.

Lord Jesus our Savior, you came into the world to make the Father known to us; you joined yourself to us by taking on our humanity; you brought us back to God by shedding your blood. You bore the punishment for sin that we deserved and you did not. In the bright new hope of your resurrection, teach us to offer our lives each day in praise to God and in love to others.

Creator Spirit, you have opened our eyes by the bright light of your Word; you have breathed into us new life by the power of the gospel. Through Word and Sacrament, help us grow in our understanding of how high and wide and deep is the love of our God. Make us determined to battle our sin. In weakness be our strength, that we may show ourselves as God's true children: faithful in prayer, constant in hope, and abounding in love.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: O Holy Trinity, you are the God of glory, the God of grace, the God of every comfort. From you and through you and to you are all things. We rejoice to call you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and live to praise your holy name forever. 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

Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound
Christian Worship #379

1 A - maz - ing grace — how sweet the sound — That
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; His
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright

Dm F C7 Am C F

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 Word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

Bb F C Dm F C7 F

now am found, Was blind but now I see.
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
 safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

STAND

*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.*

PRAYER FOR THE WORD

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING

M: 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: Amen. (*spoken*)

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).

BE SEATED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

May the Grace of Christ Our Savior *Christian Worship #326*

1 May the grace of Christ our Sav - ior And the
2 So may we a - bide in un - ion With each
3 Now with all the saints in heav - en Thanks and

Fa - ther's bound - less love With the Ho - ly Spir - it's
oth - er and the Lord, Gath - ered here in blest com -
praise to you we sing, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

fa - vor Rest up - on us from a - bove.
mun - ion By the pow - er of his Word.
Spir - it, Three in One, our tri - une King.



Grace-Vail Announcements and Upcoming Events

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leader	Pastor Colin Rieke
Accompanist	Elaine Goldie
Soloist	Jim Goldie
Guitars	Jim Goldie, Steve Kolbow
Sound Technician	Jason Watson

Worshiping at
9950 E. Rees Loop
Tucson, Arizona 85747

**9:00 AM —Bible Class &
 Sunday School**

**10:00 AM—Worship
 Service**

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You are invited

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. We invite you to join us for a time of “meet and greet” after the service. Enjoy some coffee and cookies while you get to know those worshiping with you this morning.

Help with Tear-Down and Clean-Up

If you have extra time following the service and would like to help break down the worship area and put equipment away, it would be appreciated. The more hands we have helping, the faster it gets done. Please speak with Pastor Rieke or Jason Watson (the guy working the sound table) if you have questions.

Nursery Available

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Therefore, we welcome children in our worship service. If, however, you feel the need to calm or feed your young children, we do have a nursery available. Follow the signs through the south entrance doors to find it.

Do You Want to Grow in Grace?

It is every Christian’s desire to *grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ* (2 Peter 3:18). Here at Grace we are able to provide a number of opportunities to do just that. If you would like to learn (or review) what the Bible teaches us about Jesus we have a class just for you. Our Grow in Grace class serves as a review of basic Bible teachings and also as our membership class. Join us after church for an hour to learn more about your Savior. If this time doesn’t work, please speak with Pastor Rieke for a time that fits in your schedule.

Monday—Acts Bible Study

We invite you to join us for a journey through the book of Acts found in the New Testament continuing tomorrow, June 4. This book recounts the history of the early Christian Church. It shows how the Holy Spirit worked through the challenges that the early Christians faced to spread his gospel message. Many of these challenges are similar to the ones we face today. Join us on Mondays at the Del Lago Golf Club (14155 East Via Rancho Del Lago – Vail) at 9:30 AM.

Additional announcements for Grace-University can be found on the Welcome Table.