



Trinity Sunday

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church
June 3, 2012



Order of Worship for Trinity Sunday

WELCOME

HYMN

Come, Now, Almighty King

Christian Worship # 193

STAND

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Our Triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—has created us, redeemed us and sanctified us. In spite of this great love, we continue to sin against our merciful and holy God. Let us join in confessing our sins and unworthiness before the righteous Lord and seek his forgiveness.

C: Dear Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I confess that I have sinned against you many times and in many ways. I have gone against your holy will by what I have done and said. I have left undone the things that are pleasing to you. I am truly sorry for all my sins. I put my faith in you, dearest Savior, and so I ask you to have mercy on me and forgive me.

M: God has indeed had mercy upon us all through our Lord Jesus Christ and his atoning work. 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: Praise be to God! Amen!

***Sing:* Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; (CW #334)
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: 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

CHOIR

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the
glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert and art, and
evermore shalt be, which art, and evermore shalt be!*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye made blind by sin thy
glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love
and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky,
and sea; Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
Amen!*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-8

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!”

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 8:14-17

...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.

THE VERSE OF THE DAY

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

STAND

THE GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

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.

BE SEATED

HYMN

God Loved the World So that He Gave

Christian Worship #391

SERMON

Isaiah 6:1-8

AWESOME. SIMPLY AWESOME.

CONFESSION OF FAITH—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!

The Congregation is asked to read the indented lines; the Pastor will read the others.

Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.

Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.

Now this is the true Christian faith:

We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God,
without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.

For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct,
but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one,
equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.

What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;

yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal,
just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite,
but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.

In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, and the Holy Spirit is almighty;

yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

yet they are not three Gods, but one God.

So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.

For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord,

so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.

The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.

The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.

The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit,
not three Holy Spirits.

And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior,
but all three persons are coequal and coeternal,

so that in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshiped as one God
and one God worshiped as three persons.

Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.



It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation truly to believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh. Now this is the true Christian faith:

We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.

He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man, born in time from the nature of his mother, fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh,

equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity; and though he is both God and Man, Christ is not two persons but one,

one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God;

one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person;

for just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being, so God and man are one Christ.

He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, and from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds.

Those who have done good will enter eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.

This is the true Christian faith.

Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

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 include your name and information in the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the pew and pass it along. Thank you!

OFFERING MUSIC

7:45 AM

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee
Arr. by David Smither

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

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.

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

Silent prayer.

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.

THE SACRAMENT

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my [†] body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my [†] blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

*The Bible teaches that the Lord's Supper is a unique communion of Christ and the individual believer as well as a coming together of people who hold to the same beliefs. Because of these Scriptural truths, we practice **Member Communion** at Grace. Those who are confirmed members of Wisconsin Synod congregations (WELS) are invited to receive the Lord's Supper with us.*

If you are not a WELS member but have an interest in receiving Holy Communion, please speak with one of our pastors after church today or at another time. We are aware that there are a number of other teachings about Holy Communion, and we want it to be a blessing for you, so we would look forward to sharing with you what God says about this Sacrament.

*We provide **gluten-free communion wafers** for those with wheat allergy, gluten-sensitivity or celiac disease. These wafers are stored and handled separately to avoid cross-contamination. They are "bread" as Scripture requires and are consecrated along with the rest of the bread. For those requiring gluten-free wafers, please take one from the container on the stand located at the front rail as you approach for communion. Simply hold it so that the pastor can see it at the time of distribution.*

***Grape juice** is available for those who for health or medical reason require it instead of wine. Please speak with a pastor about providing grape juice for you on future Sundays.*

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC (7:45 AM)

Trinity Medley
Arr. by Myra Schubert

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (10:00 AM)

"Triune God, Oh, Be Our Stay"
Christian Worship #192

STAND

PRAYER

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The love of God, and
The fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: **Amen.**

BE SEATED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

“Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices”

Christian Worship #194

POSTLUDE

7:45 AM

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Arr. by Joan Cupp

Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher

Pastor Ronald Koehler

Worship Leader

Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10 AM)

Communion Assistants

Spiritual Needs Elder Mark Christianson

Outreach Elder Jeff Weinstein

Accompanists

Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM)

Tina Christianson (10 AM)

Choir Director

Teri Guenther (10 AM)

Trumpeter

Tyler Koehler (10 AM)

Sound & Recording Tech

Jeremy Snavely (10 AM)



**Grace is one congregation
at TWO places!**

**Enjoy worship, Bible study
and activities at both
Grace-University and Grace-Vail.**



This Week at Grace • June 3-10

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

TODAY TRINITY SUNDAY

- Worship Services/Communion..... 7:45 & 10:00a
- Coffee Fellowship following both services.....
- Children's Sunday School 8:45a
- Youth Confirmation Class..... 8:45a
- Adult Bible Studies:
 - *The Life of Christ: Jesus' Teaching* (Fellowship Hall) .. 9:00a
 - **NO** *Grow in Grace Class*.....
- Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study* 9:00a
- Grace-Vail Bible Study at Cottonwood Elementary**..... 9:00a
- Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary**..... 10:00a
- Financial Peace University Free Preview..... 11:15a

Monday

- Bible Study at Vail Golf Club: *Book of Acts*** 9:30a

Tuesday

- Handbells 5:30p

Wednesday

- Grace Extension Meeting..... 9:00a
- Midweek Bible Study..... 10:00a
- Midweek Bible Study..... 7:00p

Thursday

- Women's Bible Study: *Genesis*9:00a
- Financial Peace University 6:30p

Saturday

- Christian Fellowship Group at Grace-University 10:00a

Sunday

- Worship Services.....7:45 & 10:00a
- Coffee Fellowship following both services
- Children's Sunday School.....8:45a
- Youth Confirmation Class8:45a
- Adult Bible Studies:
 - *The Life of Christ: Jesus' Teaching* (Fellowship Hall) ...9:00a
 - *Grow in Grace Class* (Conference Room in Office).....9:00a
- Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*.....9:00a
- Grace-Vail Bible Study at Cottonwood Elementary**9:00a
- Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary** 10:00a

Check out the NEW GRACE WEBSITE at www.GraceTucsonWELS.com!

**Grace Evangelical
Lutheran Church**

**830 N. First Avenue
Tucson, Arizona 85719**

**Phone 623-6633
Fax 623-1514**

**Grace Website
GraceTucsonWELS.com**

Administrative Assistant

**Cora Kosanke
office@gracetucsonwels.com**

Pastors

At Grace-University

**Ronald G. Koehler, III
revrgk3@gracetucsonwels.com**

**Nathan P. Kassulke
revnpg@gracetucsonwels.com**

**Samuel M. Clemons
revsmc@gracetucsonwels.com**

At Grace-Vail

**Colin M. Rieke
revcmr@gracetucsonwels.com**

Bible-Based Counselor

**Cinda Drescher
cinda@gracetucsonwels.com
Phone 882-3773**

*Grow in the grace
and knowledge of our
Lord and Savior Jesus
Christ. To him be glory
both now and forever!
Amen.
2 Peter 3:18*

TODAY

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 Bob & Nadine Rentschler in thankfulness for all of God's blessings.

You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship this morning in the courtyard following both services. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Genesis 25:21-34
Ephesians 4:22-5:2
Matthew 19:15-20

Sermon Text & Theme

Genesis 25:21-34
*The Bowl of Stew that Soured
a Relationship*



[www.facebook.com/
GraceTucsonWELS](http://www.facebook.com/GraceTucsonWELS)

Do You Know How To Drive?

If you know how to drive and would like to be of service to a few of our members who can no longer drive, consider volunteering to drive the Grace van on Sunday mornings. We would like to have a few drivers so that it's not an every Sunday job (unless you want that!). If you'd like a little more information, please speak with Pastor Clemons or with Jason Watson (243-0034).

Financial Peace University Free Preview

Join us this morning at 11:15 AM in the East Wing of the Grace-University Fellowship Hall for a **free preview** of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University (FPU). FPU will be offered at Grace-University on Thursdays at 6:30 PM beginning this week. You can also attend the first class for free if you are still undecided! To participate in the full course, you will need a Lifetime FPU Membership, which for a limited time is available from Grace for \$80. Speak to Pastor Kassulke or check out www.GraceTucsonWELS.com/FPU for more information.

Christian Fellowship Group Meeting

The Christian Fellowship Group is meeting this Saturday, June 9 at 10:00 AM in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall. This is your chance to learn about *service dogs* and see Taylor (a real live service dog) in action! Grace's Christian Counselor, Cinda Drescher, will tell all about getting and using a service dog. Please bring a healthy snack to share. We hope you will join us! *The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and older with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis.*

Taste & See

Psalm 34:8



Summer Worship Series at Grace-University

"Taste & See" is our summer worship series theme. It comes from Psalm 34:8 "Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him." On Sundays beginning next Sunday at Grace-University, we will consider different Bible accounts where food is an important part of the story and discover biblical truths and applications for our lives as God's people.

Vacation Bible School at Grace-University

Get in the time machine and travel back to Jerusalem and other biblical sites at our "Back to Jerusalem" Vacation Bible School! Along the way, we'll learn that God's message to us about his love for us never changes. Each day devotions, songs, and crafts reinforce the lessons. So, gather up your children, nieces, nephews and friends in the neighborhood and bring them to Grace-University for time-travel fun! VBS is June 18-22, 9:00-11:30 AM. More information and registration forms are available online or in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall.



If you would like to volunteer to assist with VBS, please speak to our coordinator, Cindy Breitreitz (298-9758) or to Pastor Kassulke. Donations for Vacation Bible School are also appreciated.

Church Picnic

Please plan to join us at Grace-University on Sunday, June 24 after the 10:00 AM worship service for our annual Church Picnic. The June 24 worship service will also serve as our VBS closing service. Members of Grace are asked to bring a side dish and a dessert to share. Grace will provide grilled hot dogs and hamburgers. Volunteer help is also needed.

Since this is our first Church Picnic since the launch of our second site, we are encouraging members of Grace to attend worship at Grace-Vail on June 24 (also at 10:00), to help tear-down and clean up after the service, and then to join us for food and fellowship at the Picnic.

Redeemer Summer Preschool

Redeemer Lutheran Preschool is offering a Summer Session this July 23-27, 8:30 AM-12:15 PM. The cost of this one week session is \$100. All potty trained 3, 4, and 5 year olds are welcome. Join us for an exciting week of educational activities, Bible stories, games, snacks and crafts! Our theme is ice cream, so be prepared for some sweet treats too! Our summer session is a great opportunity to prepare your child for a preschool atmosphere this fall! Call Redeemer for more information and to pick up a registration form (520-572-8136).

In the Footsteps of Paul

Pastor Clemons and eleven members from Grace are currently traveling in Greece, Turkey and Italy following in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul (May 28-June 9). Joining them are ten members from Christ Lutheran Church in Prescott Valley and a group of five from Atonement Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Wednesday morning and evening Bible Studies will still be held. Pastor Kassulke will be conducting the Bible Studies in Pastor Clemons' absence.

Tuition Tax Credit

Don't forget that as an Arizona tax payer, you can take advantage of the Tuition Tax Credit and support our students at Lutheran Schools. Your donation to the HELP Scholarship Foundation (www.helpscholarships.org) is used to pay tuition for students at our schools, and you can even recommend a specific school or student. Your donation is also eligible for a dollar-for-dollar tax credit up to \$503 per person (\$1006 for a married couple filing jointly) or up to your tax liability if it is lower. **New this year** if your tax liability is higher than the tax credit limits, you may be eligible to donate an additional \$500 per person which will be used to support additional students who qualify.