

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost



*Special
Song Service
with Michael
Schroeder*

Grace Lutheran Church
October 27, 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.

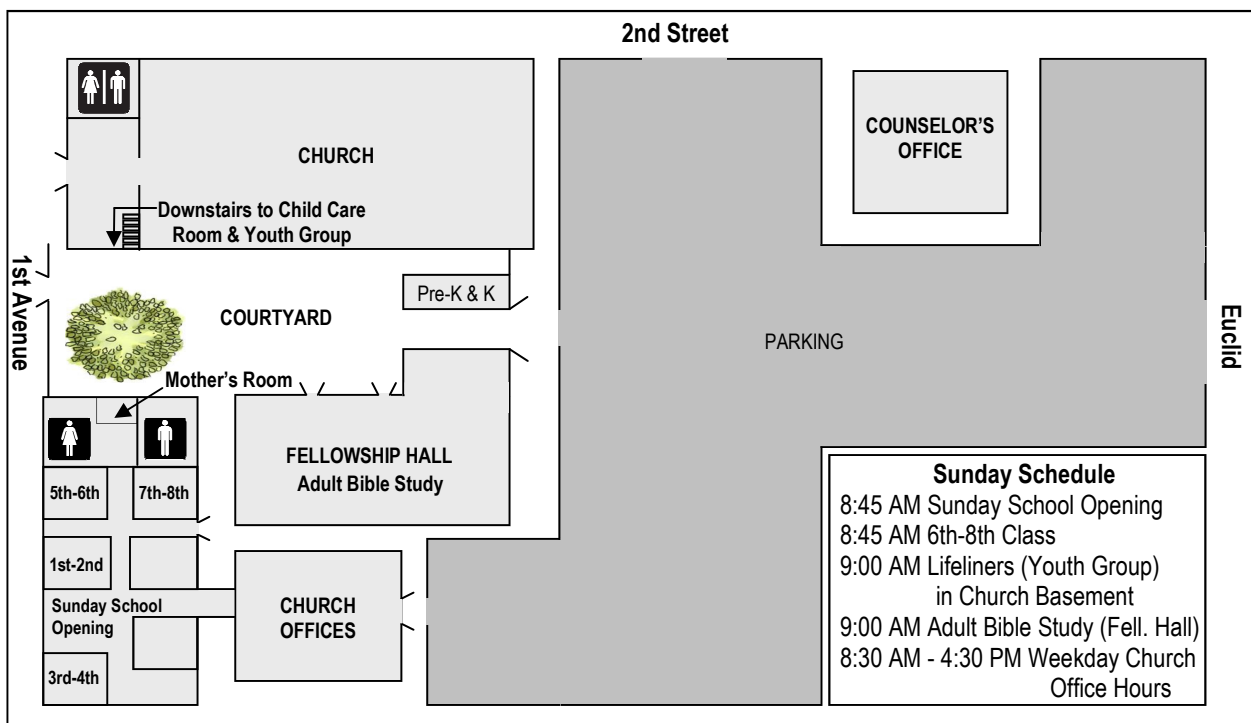
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



SPECIAL SONG SERVICE

WELCOME

HYMN (*Michael will lead us in the opening hymn.*)

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

Please stand

INVOCATION

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 OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. God, our refuge and strength, have mercy on your Church, as we come in prayer before you. Answer us not in judgment on our sins, but in peace and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated

We continue with the Word of God and with songs that speak of our Savior.

WHY WE NEED A SAVIOR

Reason for the Season

WHO THAT SAVIOR IS IN JESUS

The One

THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKS THROUGH THE LIVING WORD

Fuel For the Soul

A WITNESS: SHARING OUR FAITH

A Witness

WORSHIP

That's My King

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!



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Come to Jesus

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.

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.**

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 on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.
- C: **Amen.**

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

(Michael will lead us in the closing hymn.)

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Christian Worship #334

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leader Pastor Ron Koehler
Guest Musician Michael Schroeder
Sound & Recording Tech Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)

Thank You

Thank you to Michael Schroeder for joining us today for worship! CDs of Michael’s Christian songs are available free of charge or for an optional donation. There are also baskets at the church exits for you to make a gift on behalf of Michaels’ work if you would like to do so.

Guest Speaker Next Sunday

On Sunday, November 3, Pastor Michael Schultz will speak to us in Bible class about the WELS Hymnal Project. This is a great opportunity to learn what it takes to create a new Lutheran Hymnal!

Tucson Area Reformation Service

The Reformation Service for the Tucson area will be next Sunday, November 3 at 3:00 PM here at Grace-University. The theme is “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast,” which includes joint adult and children’s choirs and musical ensembles. The Liturgist will be Pastor Mark Jacobson from Dove Mountain, and Pastor Michael Schultz, WELS Hymnal Project Director (formerly served Sola Fide in Lawrenceville, GA and Mt. Calvary in Flagstaff), will be the guest preacher. Please join us for this festive service where we celebrate confessional Lutheranism that stands firm on the foundation of God’s Word! A dessert fellowship will be provided following worship.



The Grace church parking lot will fill up fast, but the U of A Main Gate parking garage is located across the street to the east of Grace and is free on weekends. If you are able, please consider parking there so those who have trouble walking can park at the church.

Sunday School Singing

The Sunday School children will be singing next Sunday, November 3, in the Area Reformation Service. The service starts at 3:00 PM. Children are asked to arrive at 2:30 PM to run through their song. They will be singing along with students from the other area WELS churches.

Worship Choir Early Rehearsal

This Saturday, November 2, there is a Reformation rehearsal at Grace-University at 9:30 AM for all those participating in the Area Reformation Service next Sunday. The Grace Worship Choir will meet at 9:00 AM in the sanctuary to run through a few songs before the regular practice begins. If you have any questions call Teri Guenther at 235-1177.



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

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



This Week at Grace • Oct 27-Nov 3

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

TODAY Worship Services7:45 & 10:00a Coffee Fellowship following both services Children's Sunday School8:45a Youth Confirmation Class8:45a Lifeliners (High School Group): <i>Bible Study</i>9:00a Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall): • <i>Guest Speaker: Michael Schroeder</i>9:00a • NO Grow in Grace Class Grace-Vail Bible Study Cottonwood Elem: Exodus9:00a Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem9:00a Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary10:00a WELS TCM : <i>Luther Reformation Movie Party!</i>6:00p	Wednesday (continued) Bible Study at the Prigge's: King David7:00p
Monday English as a Second Language Classes6:30p	Thursday Women's Bible Study: <i>The Narrow Lutheran Middle</i>9:00a NO Worship Choir Practice
Tuesday Precious Lambs at Grace-University9:30-11:30a Handbell Choir Practice6:30p English as a Second Language Classes6:30p Christian Education Support Committee Mtg6:30p Grace-Vail Grow in Grace Class at Barb Kiepké's6:30p	Saturday Worship Choir Rehearsal.....9:00a Reformation Rehearsal.....9:30a Grace-Vail Canvassing9:30-11:30a
Wednesday Midweek Bible Study: <i>Church History</i>10:00a Midweek Bible Study: <i>Church History</i>7:00p	Sunday REFORMATION SUNDAY Worship Services/Communion.....7:45 & 10:00a Coffee Fellowship following both services..... Children's Sunday School.....8:45a Youth Confirmation Class.....8:45a Lifeliners (High School Group): <i>Bible Study</i>9:00a Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall): • <i>Guest Speaker: Pastor Michael Schultz: Hymnal</i>9:00a • <i>Grow in Grace Class (Office) Non-Members Only</i>9:00a Grace-Vail Bible Study Cottonwood Elem: Exodus9:00a Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem9:00a Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary10:00a Reformation Rehearsal2:00p Area Reformation Service at Grace3:00p NO WELS Tucson Campus Ministry

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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 Tom & Marcia Phillips in loving memory of Howard & Florence Phillips.

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 Gisela Kittel, Janee Pike, Pat Rader, and Renee Sengstock. 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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36

Sermon Text & Theme

John 8:31-36

The Truth Will Set You Free

WELS TCM Luther Movie Extravaganza

WELS Tucson Campus Ministry will be meeting tonight at 6:00 PM in the Student Center located in the Grace-University basement for our *Luther Movie Extravaganza*. We invite all college students and others of approximately college age to join us for food and a flick!

Since next Sunday is Reformation, we will not be meeting for our regular 7:00 Bible study. There will be an area Reformation service here at Grace at 3:00 PM that you are invited to attend.

Sign Up Today for the New Picture Directory!

November 12-16 we will have photographers from *Lifetouch* at Grace-University to take pictures of our church members for our new church directory. All participating families will receive a free directory and a free 8 X 10 color portrait. There will be a table set up in the Grace-University courtyard **TODAY**, 11/3, and 11/10 for anyone who hasn't signed up online for a portrait session. If you sign up online (www.gracetucsonwels.com/directory) and provide an email address, you will receive a \$10 coupon off additional pictures. The coupon will arrive 2-3 days before your portrait session. Information and additional coupons, which can be combined, will be available today at the table in the courtyard. Jen Watson also has informational brochures and coupons at Grace-Vail. Those at Grace-Vail who don't sign up online can call Marsha Hoffman to pick a day and time for your portrait session. If you have any questions or would like to help November 12-November 16, please call Marsha Hoffman at 591-7516.



"WELS Today" Presentation

Sunday, November 10, Mr. Vern Caulk, our district's Christian Giving Counselor (current giving), will be giving a presentation during the Bible Study hour talking about some of the current endeavors that we as a synod are undertaking to expand our Savior's kingdom. Please join him at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Christian Fellowship Group

The Christian Fellowship group will meet on Saturday, November 9 at noon at Cody's Beef 'n' Beans (2708 E Fort Lowell Rd) for a social lunch. The room is private, the food is great, and the fellowship is friendly. All are invited to join us. **Please RSVP to Lauri Colton, 743-9246 by Thursday, November 7.** *The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and better with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis.*



Grace-Vail Canvassing this Saturday

There is canvassing for Grace-Vail this Saturday, November 2, starting at 9:30 AM. This is a great way to share information about our second site and also a way to share the love of Christ. We will be meeting at Rancho del Lago Golf Course (14155 E Via Rancho Del Lago) at 9:30 AM this Saturday, November 2.

Vail Country Fair

Our church will again have a booth at the Vail Country Fair this year! The fair is Saturday, November 9 from 9:00 AM-5:00 PM at the Pima County Fairgrounds (11300 S. Houghton Road, 85747). We will have a Kids Corner table and will also be giving away Fry's Scrip cards. If you would like to donate Fry's Scrip cards (\$25 denominations) please turn them into Diane Kramm at Grace-University or Sue Sargent at Grace-Vail. This is a great way to share information about our church. We hope you will stop by the booth on the 9th!



Roast Beef Dinner & Craft Fair—Nov 15!

The Women of Grace will host a craft fair in conjunction with the roast beef dinner on Friday, November 15 from 4:30 PM-6:30PM.



For those people donating items for the **craft fair**, please bring your completed projects to the west end of the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 10. Gisela Kittel will be there to store your items. If you cannot bring them on November 10, please call Cora in the church office (623-6633).

We definitely will need help with cooking, serving and clean-up. Sign-up sheets are available in the Fellowship Hall and on the worship table at Grace-Vail if you'd like to help or can bring a pie.

Calendars and Coupon Books Available

The Lifeliners (our high school youth group) are 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 at Grace-University on Sunday mornings for you to make your purchases. Those attending Grace-Vail may call the church office to place an order (623-6633). Proceeds help fund Lifeliner activities, including the 2014 WELS International Youth Rally in Tennessee next summer.

Sporting Goods

Are you picking up supplies for the sports or hunting seasons? We have **Scrip** available for Big 5 Sporting Goods, Cabela's and Sports Authority. You're spending the money anyway, why not benefit Arizona Lutheran Academy and our children by using Scrip? Stop by the Scrip table in the courtyard after early service, Bible Class, or late service to see a complete list and purchase your Scrip!

Christmas Card Boxes Now Available

New Christmas card boxes and lapel pins are now available on the card table on the south wall of the Grace-University Fellowship Hall. Boxes are \$4 each and lapel pins are \$1. If paying by check make payable to Women of Grace. Questions? Call Lisa Lenius at 742-8865.

ESL Childcare Volunteer Needed

English as a Second Language (ESL) is in need of a back-up volunteer to help with childcare if one of the regular volunteers becomes ill or is unable to come. The children are taken care of while their parents attend the ESL classes. Classes are held on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 PM in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in helping please call Lois Thornton (323-8772) or Betty Hauser (795-3311).

NEW! Precious Lambs Playgroup

Children (ages birth to age 5) are invited to come play along with their parent or caregiver on **Tuesday, October 29** from **9:30-11:30AM**. We will meet here at Grace-University (830 N First Ave, 85719) for this informal play date. Wear your favorite costume and come for story-time, a simple craft, snacks, and trick-or-treating through the church office! You do not need to RSVP and can come for any or all of the time. Precious Lambs will meet on most Tuesday mornings for play dates. If you have any questions, please contact Missy Wiechmann (403-1177) or Beth Kassulke (293-2935).

Upcoming Thanksgiving Worship Services

You are invited to a special Thanksgiving Eve worship service on Wednesday, November 27 at 7:00 PM at Grace-University. This is a perfect opportunity to invite a friend or family member to attend. Following worship, there will be a dessert fellowship in the Fellowship Hall and courtyard. Members are asked to bring a pie or dessert.

Grace-Vail will also be holding a special Thanksgiving Day service on Thursday, November 28 at 10:00 AM at Cottonwood Elementary (9950 E. Rees Loop). If you haven't been out to our second site, Thanksgiving morning might be the perfect opportunity to try it out and invite your friends and family members.

