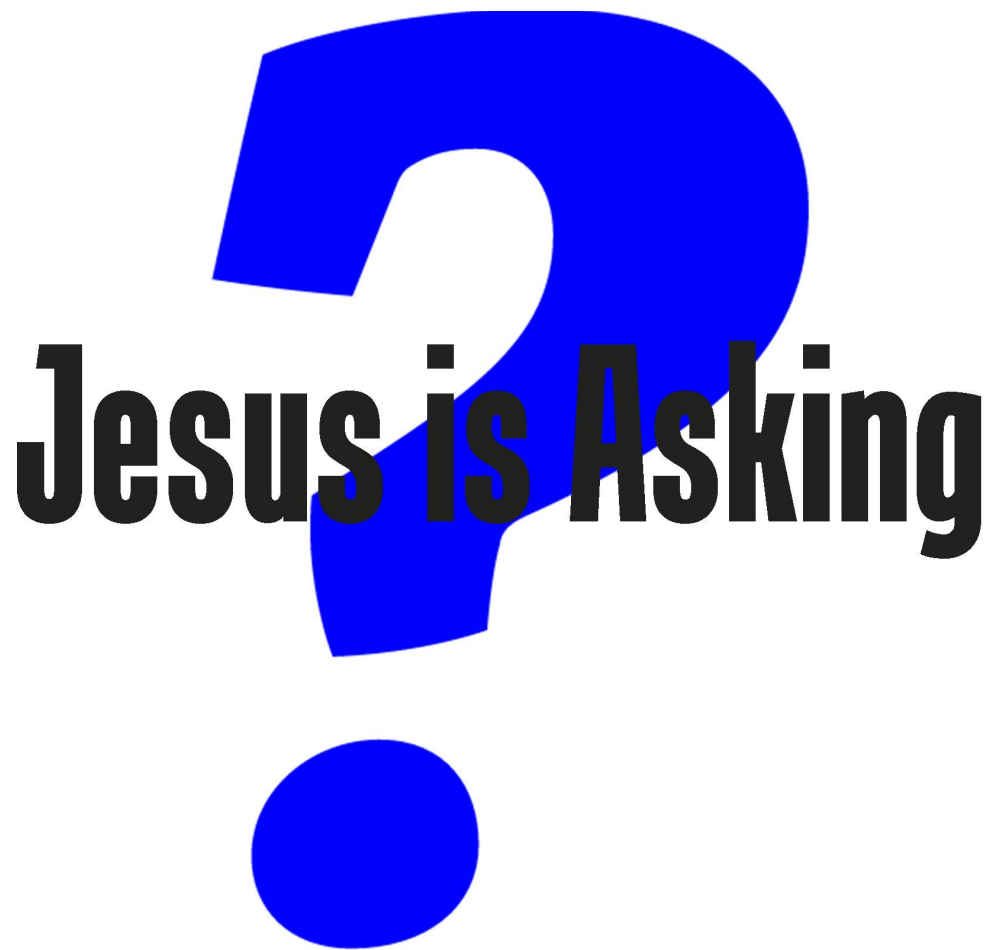


Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



"Do You Still Not Understand?"

Grace Lutheran Church
June 23, 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.

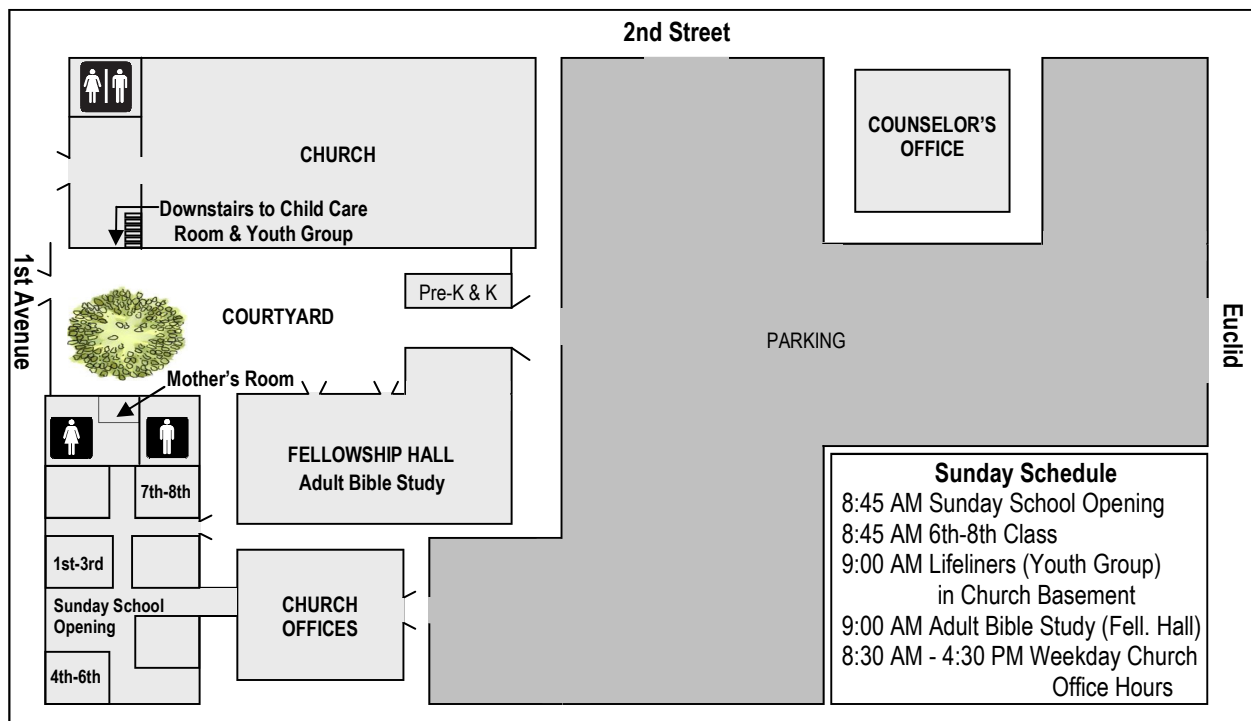
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



SERVICE OF THE WORD

Christian Worship

WELCOME

HYMN

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word Christian Worship #221

Please 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



C: 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.

We come before the true God only because of his mercy and not because we deserve to come. We confess our unworthiness and rejoice to hear the assurance of forgiveness.

In response to God's mercy and forgiveness, Christians praise God and proclaim his goodness. This song is comprised of two Bible passages: Psalm 34:8 and Psalm 119:89.

SECOND LESSON

Acts 8:26-39 (NIV)

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.” Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture: “He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a

lamb before the shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.” The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. Why shouldn’t I be baptized?” And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.

VERSE OF THE DAY

C: A - 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!

The Verse of the Day is a familiar or significant Scripture text framed with alleluias.

Please stand

The congregation stands out of respect for the words of Christ our King.

GOSPEL

The disciples had forgotten to bring bread, except for one loaf they had with them in the boat. "Be careful," Jesus warned them. "Watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees and that of Herod." They discussed this with one another and said, "It is because we have no bread." Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked them: "Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not see or understand? Are your hearts hardened? Do you have

Mark 8:14-21 (NIV)

eyes but fail to see, and ears but fail to hear? And don't you remember? When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?" "Twelve," they replied. "And when I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?" They answered, "Seven." He said to them, "Do you still not understand?"

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise — be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God
Christian Worship #186

SERMON

Mark 8:14-21
Do You Still Not Understand?

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.

The Apostles' Creed developed in the Early Christian Church as a personal confession of faith. It is so named because it confesses the faith taught by the Apostles of Jesus.

Please be seated

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!

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Almighty God, we praise and honor your holy name for your numerous acts of love and mercy on behalf of your people. We especially thank you for the gift of your one and only Son, who has ascended into heaven and sits at your right hand. We rejoice in the knowledge that he is our advocate before your throne and that he intercedes for us in all our needs.

Send your Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds with understanding and knowledge of your heavenly truths. Give to all who serve your holy Church a full measure of your grace that Christ may be confessed, his cross uplifted, and his gospel declared as the only way to eternal life.

Bless all parents that they may be wholesome examples to their children. May they teach their children to love you, to practice virtue, to desire to pursue instruction in your Word, and to serve your Church and all people.

Hear the prayers of all who are afflicted. In the quiet hour of the night, when they are weighed down with pain, loneliness, and anxiety, bring them strength and hope by assuring them that your love endures, your power overcomes, and your presence remains constant.

As we leave this hour of worship, we give all glory to Jesus. To him be praise and honor and glory and power now and 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.

Please be seated



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

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.

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher	Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Worship Leader	Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM)
Accompanists.....	Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM) Tina Christianson (10:00 AM)
Ushers	Vic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM) Dave Breitzkreitz, Ed Ethington, Dylan Guenther (10:00 AM) Tyler Koehler, Ferdie Kramm, Josiah Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech	Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Altar Prep Team	Lauri Colton, Audrey Street

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Special Voters' Meeting this Tuesday

There will be a special voters' meeting this Tuesday, June 25 at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall to discuss and vote on the recommendations regarding tuition assistance for our children. You will find the recommendations from the committee regarding the Christian education funding available in the Fellowship Hall.

Grace Photo Directory

Do you ever see people at church and wonder what their names are? Have you ever heard an announcement regarding a member and wished you could put a face with a name? Are you a new member and wish you had something to help you put names with faces? Help is on the way! We are producing a new pictorial directory this fall here at Grace! There is no cost to our church, and each participating family will receive **a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory** and have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family & friends. Watch for more details in the coming weeks.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help make our new directory a success! Marsha Hoffman is coordinating volunteers for our new directory. If you are interested in helping during our photography sign-ups, telephoning our members, or serving as a host or hostess during the photography sessions, contact Marsha at 591-7516, email her at marshall49@gmail.com or call the church office (623-6633).

WELS Tucson Campus Ministry

WELS TCM is on hiatus for the summer, but mark your calendars for the Welcome Back Party on August 25 at 6:00 PM. All college students or anyone of approximately college age is encouraged to attend. Information will be available regarding our semester schedule for Bible studies and activities, as well as food and fun, and an opportunity to sign up for parking permits for the semester. Contact Pastor Kassulke in the office if you have any questions (623-6633).



**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 23-June 30

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

- TODAY**
 Worship Services 7:45 & 10:00a
 Coffee Fellowship following both services
 Children's Sunday School 8:45a
 Youth Confirmation Class 8:45a
 Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study* 9:00a
 Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
 • *The Life of Christ: Prayers of Jesus* 9:00a
 Grace-Vail Bible Study Cottonwood Elementary 9:00a
 Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem. 9:00a
 Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary 10:00a
- Monday**
 Bible Study at Vail Golf Club: *Book of Acts* 9:30a
- Tuesday**
 Special Voters' Meeting 7:00p
- Wednesday**
 Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* 10:00a
 Bible Study at the Prigge's: *Life of David* 7:00p
 Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* 7:00p
- Thursday**
 Women's Bible Study: *The Narrow Lutheran Middle* 9:00a
- Sunday**
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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 Robert Chappell in memory of his father, Charles Chappell.

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 the Walshaws, Hansens and Hallemeys. 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

Leviticus 19:1-2
James 2:1-9
Matthew 5:43-48

Sermon Text & Theme

Matthew 5:46-47
Love All People

Christian Fellowship Group—Part 2 of *Matthew*

Saturday, July 13 at 9:30 AM in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall, the Christian Fellowship Group will meet to watch part 2 of the movie "*Matthew*." Matthew is the first of the four Gospel accounts. This DVD is the prequel to the "*Road to Emmaus*" DVD made by the same company. If you missed part 1 you can still come for part 2. There will be fresh popcorn to snack on and everyone is invited to come! *The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and better with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis. They are hosting this special event and all ages are welcome to attend!*

Summer Worship Series

Our summer worship series "*Jesus is Asking*" began June 9. We are looking at questions Jesus asked others and considering our response to the Savior. The 12-week series will be followed at both Grace-University and Grace-Vail. The same text will be used at both sites each week but the sermons will be slightly different because different pastors will be preaching! You may read or listen to both on the Grace website throughout the summer.



Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving this Summer

Just as you rely on receiving income on a regular basis, our congregation relies on your regular offerings. We appreciate our members' efforts to make consistent donations throughout the year – especially during the summer travel periods. To assist you, Grace Lutheran Church wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to keep up on your intended offerings.

Please visit www.gracetucsonwels.com at any time and click on the "Online Giving" button to set up an automatic offering plan, change your offering plan, make a one-time offering or view your online offering history. You can also access the online giving page by using your smart phone to scan the image you see to the right. If you prefer, you may also enroll in online giving by completing an authorization form available in the church entryway, office and fellowship hall.



