

Third Sunday after Pentecost



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

June 29, 2014





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.

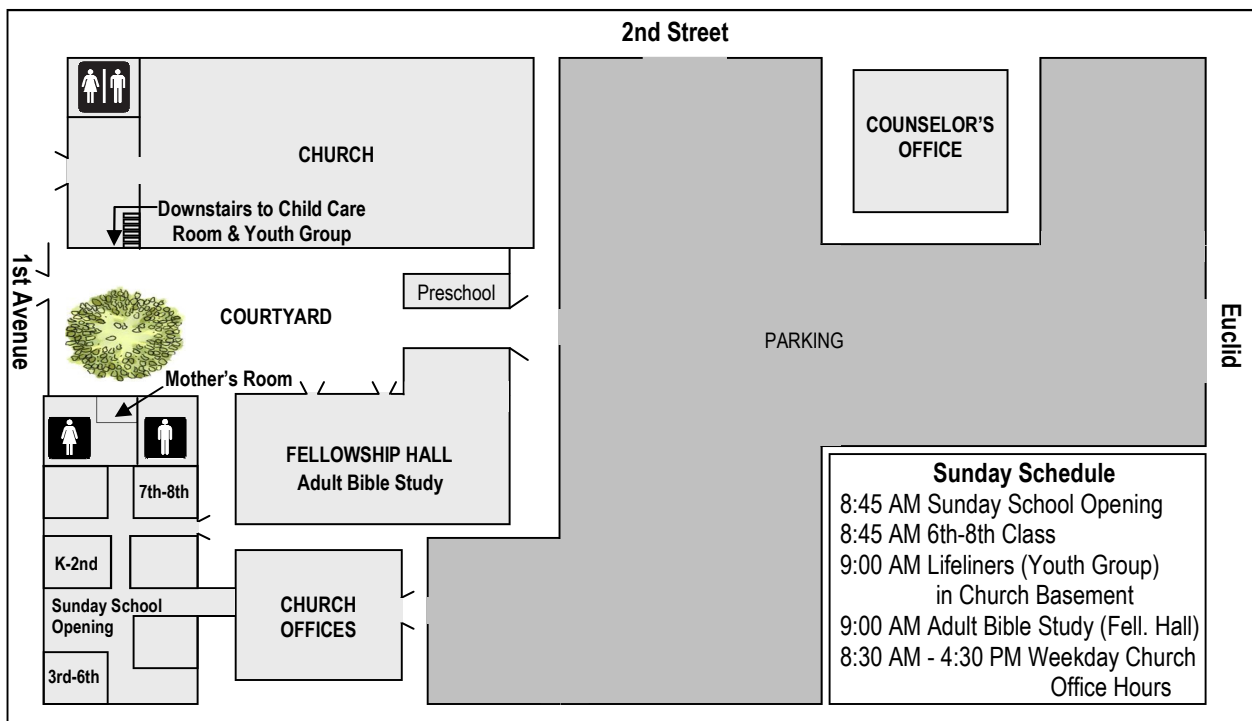
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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

Christ Is the World's Light
Christian Worship #343

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.

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM—
Christ Is the
World's Light
Arr. by Valerie
Floeter and
For Unto Us A Child
Is Born
Arr. by John
Schaum

10:00 AM—
Savior of the
Nations, Come
Setting by Michael
Burkhardt

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, “Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.” But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test.” Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of men? Will you try the patience of my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and

Isaiah 7:10-17 (NIV)

will call him Immanuel. He will eat curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right. But before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste. The LORD will bring on you and on your people and on the house of your father a time unlike any since Ephraim broke away from Judah—he will bring the king of Assyria.”

The First Lesson is frequently a reading from the Old Testament. It shares a common theme with the Second Lesson (often from one of the epistles) and the Gospel.

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 98

Refrain



Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done mar-vel-ous things.

Psalm Tone



1. Sing to the LORD a / new song,* for he has done mar- / velous things.
2. The LORD has made his sal- / vation known* and revealed his righteousness to the / nations.
3. He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of / Israel;* all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation / of our God.

Refrain

Psalm Tone



4. Shout for joy to the LORD, / all the earth,* burst into jubilant song with / music;
5. make music to the LORD / with the harp,* with the harp and the sound of / singing.
6. Shout for joy before the / LORD, the King.*
He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with / equity.
7. Glory be to the Father and / to the Son* and to the Holy Spirit.
as it was in the be- / ginning,* is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise. What I am saying is that as long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. He is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his

Galatians 3:26-4:7 (NIV)

father. So also, when we were children, we were in slavery under the basic principles of the world. But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

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

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is

Matthew 1:18-25 (NIV)

from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” –which means, “God with us.” When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise__ be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Savior of the Nations, Come
Christian Worship #2

SERMON

Genesis 3:1-19
Did God Really Say: A Virgin Would Have a Baby?

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.

Please be seated

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.

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: 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.**



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OFFERTORY

MUSIC:

7:45 AM—

*Emmanuel Medley
Arr. by Lyndell
Leatherman*

10:00 AM—

*A Great and Mighty
Wonder
Setting by Willem
Vogel*

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.

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

HYMN

A Great and Mighty Wonder
Christian Worship #36

Please stand

PRAYER

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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

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 upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

The Only Son from Heaven
Christian Worship #86

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leader Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Preacher Pastor Ron Koehler
Accompanists..... Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM)
Tina Christianson (10:00 AM)
UshersVic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)
Mark Christianson, Jon Dongoske, Danny Koehler (10:00 AM)
Taylor Parra, Dustin Pauley, Rick Street (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech Amy Breiling (10:00 AM)

Grace-Vail Moving on July 13

Our worship services at Grace-Vail are moving from Cottonwood Elementary School to Esmond Station School, a brand new school located at (9400 S. Atterbury Wash Way, 85747). This move was discussed and approved at the Voters' Meeting in May, and the date has now been set for our first service in the new location on July 13. We will set up for the first service on Saturday, July 12 at 9:00 AM at Esmond Station. The Sunday schedule will stay the same: Bible Study and Sunday School at 9:00 AM and Worship at 10:00 AM. Please contact Pastor Rieke (343-9881) with any questions or if you would like to assist with the move and setup.

Grace Groundskeeper Needed

We are grateful for the excellent groundskeeping done by Alan Gerdts on the Grace Church property. Alan would like to step away from that work, so we are looking for a new groundskeeper. This is a paid, part-time position. If you have questions about the job or would like to apply for the position, please speak with our Trustee, David Breikreitz by July 20th. He may be reached at 240-2471 or you can email him at dcbclb@yahoo.com.

Ministry Merger News

Bethlehem, Benson

With a unanimous vote on Sunday, June 22, 2014, Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Benson agreed to join with Grace in ministry. Chairman Ray Arnold passed along these thoughts: "We want to thank everyone for their efforts, thoughts and prayers to get this union of four congregations started and working as one."

Peace, Sahuarita

Following a Member Feedback Meeting on June 8, Peace Lutheran Church in Sahuarita held a Voters' Meeting on June 15 and voted unanimously to join with Grace in ministry according to the ministry plan and financial plan approved by our congregation in May.

David Farley has agreed to serve as the advisory representative for Grace-Sahuarita on the Grace church council through the end of 2014. He fills an important role as we move forward in ministry together.

One of the important areas of work to be done now is the legal merging of the congregations. We anticipate completion of that in the next 30-45 days. Please ask the Lord of the Church to bless our work together.

POSTLUDE:

7:45 AM—
We'll Call Him Jesus
Arr. by Karen Dean

10:00 AM—
Joy to the World
Arr. by Michael Burkhardt

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**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 29-July 6

*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* 9:00a
 • **NO** *Grow in Grace Class* 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: *Sermon Study* 9:00a
- Wednesday**
 Grace Extension Group Meeting 9:00a
- Thursday**
 Women’s Bible Study: *The Narrow Lutheran Middle* 9:00a
- Friday INDEPENDENCE DAY!**
Church Office Closed
- Sunday**
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 Coffee Fellowship following both services
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Welcome Grace Guests!

If you are a guest at Grace today, we are very happy to have you worship with us! If you would like more information about Grace or have questions about becoming a member of our congregation, please visit the Welcome Table in the courtyard. If this is your first time at Grace, please stop there to pick up a gift just for being our guest this morning.

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by the Ted Malchow family in memory of loved ones.

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 Pauley family. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Pastor Clemons is preaching at Peace Lutheran Church in Sahuarita, AZ this morning.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Ecclesiastes 8:2-6
Romans 13:1-7
Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon Text & Theme

Romans 13:1-7
*Did God Really Say:
Respect the Government?*

Birthday Open House

The Wilkinson family invites the Grace congregation to an Open House on Friday, July 4th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM to celebrate Charlie Wilkinson's 90th birthday. The Open House will be held at Kanmar Place where Anne Wilkinson is residing. Kanmar Place Hospice is located at 770 West Kanmar Place, off of North Oracle Road just north of River Road. If you have any questions, please call Joe Wilkinson at 548-6390.

Christian Fellowship

Hey—listen up and lighten up! Are the triple digits getting you down? Why is there so little good news reported? IF we're in the middle of a statewide drought, how can we by experiencing a monsoon season? Well, cast all those concerns aside and be REALLY unburdened by the musical interludes of Grace members Elaine and Jim Goldie! You've heard 'em before; now hear and see 'em RIGHT UP FRONT in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, July 12 at 10:00 AM. Bring yourself, a friend, and a healthy snack to share. *The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and better with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis.*

—Russ Weir, Christian Fellowship President

Thank You

Bob and Audrey Nessinger would like to thank all those who attended their wedding on June 15 and for the cards and well-wishes.

