

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
September 27, 2015



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-Tucson! 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.

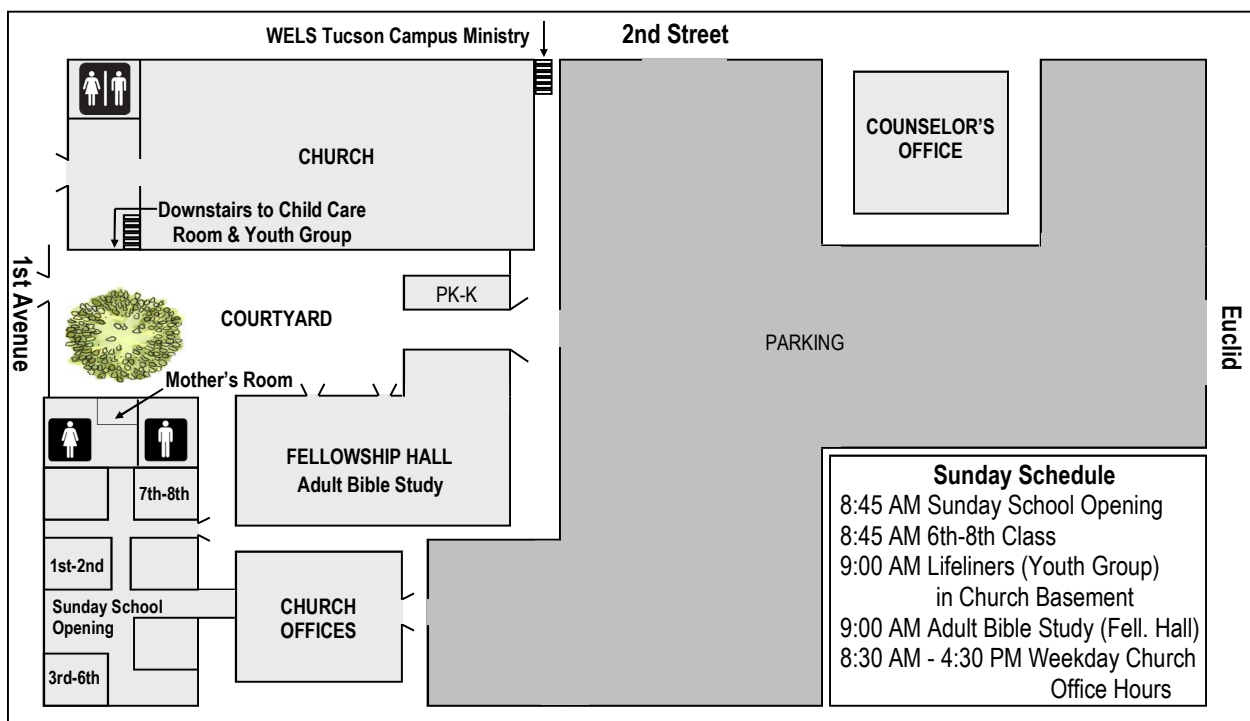
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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.GraceLutheranSAZ.org



SERVICE OF THE WORD

Christian Worship

WELCOME

HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus
Christian Worship #452

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—

*Let Us Ever Walk
With Jesus
Arr. by Kathy Parra*

10:00 AM—

*Let Us Ever Walk
With Jesus
Arr. by Thomas
Gieschen*

The words of this song of praise are based on Psalm 34:8 and Psalm 119:89. It marks our thankfulness to have heard God's forgiveness of our sins and anticipates our listening to God's Word throughout our worship service.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated

THE WORD

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.

FIRST LESSON

Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) marched out and drew up their battle lines in the Valley of Siddim against Kedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goiim, Amraphel king of Shinar and Arioch king of Ellasar—four kings against five. Now the Valley of Siddim was full of tar pits, and when the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, some of the men fell into them and the rest fled to the hills. The four kings seized all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their food; then they went away. They also carried off Abram’s nephew Lot and his possessions, since he was living in Sodom. One who had escaped came and reported this to Abram the Hebrew. Now Abram was living near the great trees of Mamre the Amorite, a brother of Eshcol and Aner, all of whom were allied with Abram. When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he called out the 318 trained men born in his household and went in pursuit as far as Dan. During the night Abram divided his men to attack them and he routed them, pursuing them as far as Hobah, north of Damascus. He recovered all

Genesis 14:8-24 (NIV)

the goods and brought back his relative Lot and his possessions, together with the women and the other people. After Abram returned from defeating Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King’s Valley). Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, and he blessed Abram, saying, “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. And blessed be God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand.” Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything. The king of Sodom said to Abram, “Give me the people and keep the goods for yourself.” But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “I have raised my hand to the LORD, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, and have taken an oath that I will accept nothing belonging to you, not even a thread or the thong of a sandal, so that you will never be able to say, ‘I made Abram rich.’ I will accept nothing but what my men have eaten and the share that belongs to the men who went with me—to Aner, Eshcol and Mamre. Let them have their share.”

The vocalist will sing the verses, the congregation may join in the refrains and verse 7.

Refrain



Psalm Tone



1. O LORD, do not rebuke me in your / anger* or discipline me / in your wrath.
2. For your arrows have / pierced me,* and your hand has come down up- / on me.
3. My guilt has over- / whelmed me* like a burden too heav- / y to bear.

Refrain

4. All my longings lie open before / you, O LORD;* my sighing is not hid- / den from you.
5. I wait for / you, O LORD;* you will answer, O / Lord my God.
6. Come quickly to / help me,* O Lord my / Savior.
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

1 Timothy 6:6-16 (NIV)

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the

faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY *(sung by the vocalist)*

2 Corinthians 12:9a NIV

Alleluia. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Alleluia.

Please stand

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

GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13 (NIV)

Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.' The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg—I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.' So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 'Eight hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied. The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred.' Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?' 'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied. He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.' The

master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise — be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Depends on Our Possessing
Christian Worship #421

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

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!

10:00 AM—Please continue on page 7 with the Prayer of the Church.

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS BY TRANSFER (7:45 AM)
Evelyn & Kaylie Broyles**

M: Dear members of Grace, Evelyn Broyles and her daughter Kaylie have recently transferred their membership from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (WELS) in Yuma, AZ.

Evelyn, so that the believers here might receive you in Christian love and so that you might have the opportunity to express your desire to join the church family here at Grace, I, in the name of this congregation, ask you to lift up your hearts and joyfully answer these questions:

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.



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

**OFFERTORY
MUSIC:**

7:45 AM—
When Peace Like a River
CWS #760

10:00 AM—
I Leave All Things to God's Direction
Setting by Benjamin M. Culli

M: Do you desire to be members here at Grace?

New Members: I do.

M: Do you intend to grow in grace, strengthening your Christian faith through regular worship, reception of the sacrament and study of God's Word?

NM: I do.

M: Will you support with your prayers, time, talents and offerings the work our Lord has given to this congregation? If so, answer: I will, and I ask God to help me.

NM: I will, and I ask God to help me.

M: Having heard your promises, we, the members of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, receive you in fellowship and love, and invite you to share in our worship and mission, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The pastor addresses the congregation:

M: Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Hearing this confession of faith and these promises, are you willing to receive Evelyn & Kaylie Broyles with Christian love into the family of believers here at Grace? Are you willing to befriend, encourage, support and pray for them as Christ commands?

Congregation: Yes, as God gives me strength.

PRAYER

M: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, author and perfecter of our faith, in mercy you joined Evelyn & Kaylie to your Church when they were born again of water and the Spirit. In mercy you taught them your saving truth. Grant that they may continue to offer themselves as living sacrifices to you as their spiritual act of worship. Help us live in love and harmony with one another and work together in serving you. Keep us united in your Spirit, and bring us at last to your eternal kingdom, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: Go in peace.

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

M: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

M: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

M: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: **Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.**

M: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C: **Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.**

M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: **Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with confidence that you will hear and with faith that you will respond for our welfare.

C: **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.**

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.

Please be seated

HYMN

I Leave All Things to God's Direction
Christian Worship #414

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.



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

**Enjoy worship, Bible study and activities
at Grace locations in
Benson, Sahuarita, Tucson and Vail.**

This Week at Grace • Sept 27-Oct 4

TUCSON

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):
 • *Kassulke: Hypocrisy*..... 9:00a
Voters' Meeting..... 2:00p
 TCM Bible Study: *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made* 7:00p

Monday

Handbell Practice 4:30p
 English as a Second Language Classes..... 6:30p

SAHUARITA

Today

Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship 9:45a
Voters' Meeting at Grace-Tucson 2:00p

Wednesday

NO Bible Study

Saturday

School of Outreach at Shepherd of the Hills..... 8:30a

Sunday

Worship Service/Communion..... 9:45a
 Coffee Fellowship following worship

BENSON

Today

Worship Service/Communion..... 7:30a
Voters' Meeting at Grace-Tucson 2:00p

Wednesday

Bible Study: *Interactive Faith Bible Study*..... 6:00p

Saturday

School of Outreach at Shepherd of the Hills..... 8:30a

Sunday

Worship Service 7:30a

Tuesday

English as a Second Language Classes..... 6:30p

Wednesday

Midweek Bible Study: *Church History*..... 10:00a
 Midweek Bible Study: *Church History*..... 6:30p

Thursday

NO Women's Bible Study.....

Saturday

School of Outreach at Shepherd of the Hills 8:30a

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 Coffee Fellowship following both services
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 Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 9:00a
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 WELS TCM Bible Study: *Islam*..... 7:00p

VAIL

Today

Adult Bible Study: *Church-Mission-Ministry*..... 9:00a
 Children's Sunday School 9:00a
 Youth Confirmation Class 9:00a
 Worship Service/Communion 10:00a
 Coffee Fellowship following worship

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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.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Ecclesiastes 5:8-20
Revelation 2:8-11
Luke 16:19-31

Sermon Text & Theme

Luke 16:19-31
Count Your Blessings

Divine Call Extended

At Grace's Call Meeting on Sunday, September 13, a Divine Call was extended to Pastor Carl Schroeder to serve as Grace's mission pastor to Sahuarita. Pastor Schroeder currently serves at St. John Lutheran Church in Baraboo, WI. Please keep Pastor Schroeder, his wife Stacey and their 4 children in your prayers as he considers this Call. Also, please keep in your prayers the ongoing gospel ministry in Baraboo and here at Grace!

LWMS Grand Canyon East Circuit Fall Rally: October 10

Saturday, October 10 at 9:00 AM, Holy Cross (241 N. Harrison Rd, Tucson, 85748) is hosting the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Grand Canyon Circuit East's Fall Rally. All women of Grace are *encouraged* to attend. **Registration is \$10** and includes lunch. Registration forms can be found in the Fellowship Hall and at all the Grace locations. **The rally registration and Mission Money donation deadline is due tomorrow, September 28 and needs to be mailed to Rose Pedersen (1154 Turkey Knob, Las Cruces, NM, 88012).**

School of Outreach

Grace is registered to participate in a synod-sponsored School of Outreach this Saturday, October 3, at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church here in Tucson. Participants will hear presentations regarding outreach and will participate in discussions regarding specific outreach plans.

Upcoming Kick Ball Tournament & Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, October 17 at 12:00 PM, Grace-Vail will be hosting a kick ball tournament and chili cook-off at Esmond Station (9400 S. Atterbury Wash Way). There will be a choice of Scrip gift cards for prizes in both the chili and cornbread cook-off. Card games will also take place following the tournament. Please arrive by 12:00 PM if you'd like to play in the kick ball game so teams can be divided up. If you'd like to enter a chili or cornbread dish please call Boz Lomasney at 440-251-4704. Hope to see you there!



Grace Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), a group of nearly 400,000 men, women, and children in nearly 1,300 congregations across the United States and Canada united by a common faith in Christ's saving love. We are committed to a common calling—encouraging each other in our faith and sharing God's gift of a Savior with the rest of the world.

For more information about our synod and what we believe visit: www.wels.net