

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 2011



"I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be."

- 1 Kings 3:12



From the fullness of his GRACE we have all received one blessing after another.

John 1:16

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT*Christian Worship***WELCOME****HYMN****One Thing's Needful***Christian Worship #290***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.

CONFESSIONS OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

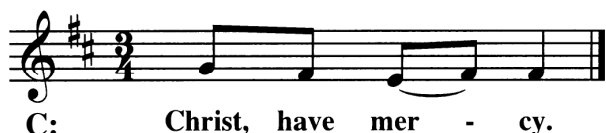
C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE**LORD, HAVE MERCY***Kyrie*

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



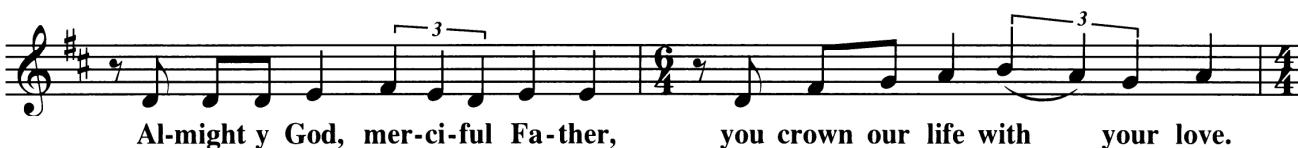
C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



Al-might y God, mer-ci-ful Fa-ther, you crown our life with your love.



You take a-way our sin; you com-fort our spir-it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



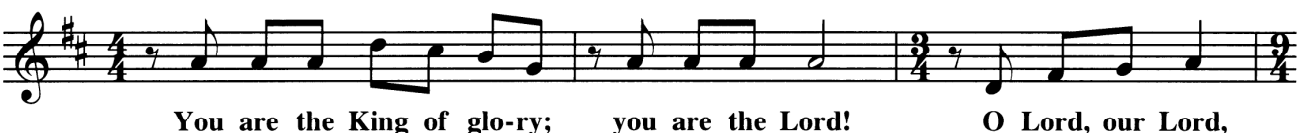
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e-ter-nal Word of the Fa-ther, you came to live with us;



you made your Father known; you washed us from our sins in your own blood.



You are the King of glo-ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. Now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a

great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?" The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be."

SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 6:17-21

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves

as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, which some have professed and in so doing have wandered from the faith. Grace be with you.

VERSE OF THE DAY



STAND

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-52

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but

threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked. “Yes,” they replied. He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Priceless Treasure
Christian Worship #349

SERMON

1 Kings 3:5-12
Seek the Wisdom of the King

STAND

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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 pew and pass it along. Thank You!

OFFERTORY MUSIC

10:00 AM

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
By Robert Kreutz

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: **Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

M: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: **Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.**

7:45 AM - Please continue on page 7 with the Words of Institution.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is



full of your glo - ry. You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks for you have be - come my sal - va - tion.



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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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

Our church practices "Member Communion." If you are a guest today and are a confirmed member of another WELS church, we invite you to the Lord's Table with us. If you are a guest today and are not a member of one of our Wisconsin Synod churches, we ask that you would speak to one of the pastors after church today or at some other time to discuss receiving the Lord's Supper with us in the future.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC (10:00 AM)

Before You, God, the Judge of All

Arranged by Valerie Floeter

Pianist: Sarah Oberhofer

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (10:00 AM)

All Depends on Our Possessing

Christian Worship #421

STAND

THANKSGIVING

THANK THE LORD

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev - 'ry-one what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.
He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

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

BE SEATED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways
Christian Worship #462

POSTLUDE

Bourée
By G. F. Handel



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To Aid You in Worship...

- LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX. ASK A GREETER OR USHER FOR A COPY.
- *For those with young children:* A private Mother's Room is located across the courtyard in the Ladies' Restroom. Parents of young children may also use the Child Care Room in the basement at any time to quiet and care for them (the service can be heard in both locations).
- Sermon copies & service CDs are available in the narthex.

Welcome to Grace!

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.

Holy Communion

There are before-communion and after-communion prayers in our Christian Worship hymnal on p. 11, and a personal preparation guide on p.156 to help prepare you to receive the Lord's Supper. Guests and visitors, please see p. 7 in today's worship folder under "Distribution" for information about our practice of Member Communion.

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Preacher Pastor Nathan Kassulke

Worship Leader Pastor Colin Rieke, *Grace's Mission Pastor to Vail* (10:00 AM)

Communion Assistants..... Pastor Sam Clemons

Mark Christianson, *Spiritual Needs Elder*

Accompanists Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM)

Tina Christianson (10:00 AM)

Sound & Recording Tech Amy Breiling (10:00 AM)

Altar flowers have been given by Robert Chappell in memory of his father, Charles Chappell.

Read Ahead for Next Sunday:

Genesis 41:41-49

1 Timothy 4:4, 5

Matthew 14:13-21

You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship following 10:00 AM worship today hosted by the Lipke Family. Please join us in the courtyard.

Welcome College Students!

The University of Arizona begins a new school year tomorrow, and Pima Community College starts on Wednesday. We welcome our college students, whether you are new or returning, and pray that God would bless your year. We hope you will join us frequently throughout your college career, and may even be able to help you out with a parking permit! You are invited to join us for our WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Welcome Back Party next Sunday, August 28, at 6:00 PM. Please speak with Pastor Kassulke if you have any questions about our Campus Ministry.

New Bible Study in Vail

Pastor Rieke will be starting up a new Bible study at the home of Eric & Julie Prigge (5391 S. Black Falls Dr, 85747) on Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00 PM. They will be going through the book "Prepared to Answer." All are welcome to join!

Today

- Worship Services/Communion 7:45 & 10:00a
- Children's Sunday School..... 8:45a
- Youth Confirmation Class 8:45a
- Adult Bible Class: *Synod Convention Report (Clemons)* .. 9:00a
- Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*..... 9:00a
- Coffee Fellowship Following 10 AM Worship

Monday

- Financial Peace University 6:30p

Wednesday

- Midweek Bible Class 10:00a
- Midweek Bible Class 6:45p

Thursday

- Women's Bible Class 9:00a
- Worship Choir..... 6:30p
- Men's Bible Study..... 7:30p

Sunday

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- WELS TCM Welcome Back Party!**..... 6:00p

Lutheran Pioneers

A new season of Lutheran Pioneers begins on Thursday, September 1. We meet on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM. More information and registration forms are available in the Fellowship Hall or at www.GraceTucsonWELS.com/pioneers.

Interested Boys should watch for more information about the District Pioneer Campout September 23-25 in the area of the lava flow North of Flagstaff.

In Need of Beads

The Pioneers will be collecting money for PAL (Partners in Apache Learning) this year and are decorating mission boxes at their first meeting this fall. They are in need of **small** beads. If you have small beads that you would like to donate (can be made of any material), please bring them to the church office.

Women's Bible Class

Join Pastor Koehler and your sisters in Christ Thursdays at 9:00 AM for a series of discussions on Prayer. We are using the People's Bible Teaching book *Prayer—An Audience with the King* as our guide. If you've ever wondered HOW to pray, WHY to pray, WHAT prayer is (and is not!), this is the class for you. Your prayer life is very important to God. Come hear him tell you why.

Fall Rally

The fall rally of the Grand Canyon Circuit of LWMS will be held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Tempe on October 1. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you plan on attending. Registration fee is \$10 which includes lunch and should be given to Sue Sargent no later than September 11. More information can be found in the Women of Grace display case in the courtyard. You can also talk to Sue Sargent (647-3049) or Dorothy Rauh (296-8840) if you have further questions.

Anniversary Services

Please plan to join us for our two special services celebrating the 100th anniversary of Grace Lutheran Church. The first service is Sunday afternoon, September 11. Rev. Jon Buchholz, our District President and a son of our congregation, will preach. The second service is Sunday morning, October 9 at 10:00 AM. Our Synod President, Rev. Mark Schroeder, will preach for that service. The anniversary service will be our only scheduled worship service on October 9 (no 7:45 AM service).

Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you plan to attend the September 11 dinner following the service!

Sunday School Registration

Along with the start of a new school year, we are entering a new semester of Sunday School. Janet Kania will be available today and next Sunday to register your child or children for Sunday School. We encourage all children age 3 and up to join us for this valuable opportunity to learn more about God's Word. Sunday School is 8:45-9:45 AM every Sunday morning.

Dear Valley Lutheran Church Women's Retreat

Deer Valley Lutheran Church is hosting a Women's Retreat Saturday, September 24, from 8:30 AM-2:00 PM. The theme this year is "You Are What You Wear," and the guest speaker is our very own Mary Clemons! The DVLC Players will present "Festival of Fashion" — a special fashion show you'll have to see to believe! A continental breakfast and luncheon are also included in the day. The suggested door donation is \$5. You can register online at www.deervalley.org or call (623) 581-1198.

Summer Sunday School Today

Today's Sunday School lesson is exploring "Journey from Malta to Rome" from Acts 28:1-16. This account shares Paul's layover following a shipwreck on the way to Rome. *Parents might ask their children, "How does God use what seems like a disaster to spread His Word? What opportunities does God give us to tell others about Jesus?"*

Christian Fellowship Group

Please join your Christian friends for good food and fellowship at Cody's Beef 'N Beans (2708 E. Ft. Lowell Rd) Saturday, September 10 at noon. *The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and older with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis.*

Did You Know?

You can pay your Kohl's charge bill with Kohl's Scrip gift cards! You get a percentage OFF when you purchase items with your Kohl's card - you can also EARN a profit of 4% of your total bill for our church or Christian education when you pay your bill using Scrip! Visit Vic & Lois Thornton (after early service and after Bible Class) or Debbie Koehler (after late service) at the Scrip table in the courtyard to make your purchases!

Choir This Week

The choir is preparing for our special 100th anniversary services. What a blessing from God to sing praises in thanksgiving for 100 years of His grace! If EVER you have considered joining choir here at Grace, this is the time! We invite ALL members confirmation age and up! **Practice is this Thursday, August 25 @ 6:30 PM!**

100th Anniversary Cookbooks Available

Celebrate our 100th anniversary with a new Grace cookbook! Cookbooks will be available in the courtyard after the 7:45 AM and 10:00 AM services today. Suggested donation for the books is \$10.

Men's Fellowship & Devotional Events!

On Thursday evenings (2nd, 3rd, and 4th Thursday of each month) we will be gathering to discuss the roles and responsibilities of a Christian man in today's world. We will also be doing various fellowship events to have fun and encourage each other. **Please join us in the Grace Fellowship Hall this Thursday, August 25 at 7:30 PM for a men's Bible Study.**