

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2011



10:00 AM Worship



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

John 1:16

PRESERVICE MUSIC

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Christian Worship

WELCOME

HYMN

Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening
Christian Worship #283

REMAIN SEATED

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: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

C: **Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

M: As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

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.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



M: In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought Leah to be baptized. Jesus told us: “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” It is in baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God’s Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

M: Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart (+) to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

Leah Michelle Wiechmann, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

STAND

EXHORTATION

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Leah may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

C: **Yes, as God gives me strength.**

M: Let us pray: Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on Leah and grant her a rich measure of your Spirit that she may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

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

O LORD, OUR LORD

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. Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - - men.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 55:10-13

“As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. You will go out in

joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. Instead of the thornbush will grow the pine tree, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the LORD’s renown, for an everlasting sign, which will not be destroyed.”

SECOND LESSON

Acts 18:1-11

After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks. When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. But when the Jews opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said

to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am clear of my responsibility. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.” Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. Crispus, the synagogue ruler, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard him believed and were baptized. One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: “Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.” So Paul stayed for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.

VERSE OF THE DAY



Al - 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!

STAND

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. He who has ears, let him hear.”

“Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast
Christian Worship #324

SERMON

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Learn Lessons from Scattered Seed

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 along. Thank You!

DYJAK FAMILY

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus
Christian Worship #452

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.**

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

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.
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is
full of your glo - - - - ry.

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.

C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - - - men.

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.

VOCAL ENSEMBLE

Give Thanks

Setting by Henry Smith

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Preach You the Word
Christian Worship #544

STAND

THANKSGIVING

THANK THE LORD

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!

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff continues the melody. The third and fourth staves complete the phrase 'Al - le - lu - ia!' with a final double bar line.

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.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a few notes followed by a double bar line.

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.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a few notes followed by a double bar line.

BE SEATED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

On What Has Now Been Sown
Christian Worship #322

POSTLUDE

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Worship Leader Pastor Ron Koehler
Communion Assistants Pastor Colin Rieke, *Grace’s Mission Pastor to Vail*
Jeff Weinstein, *Outreach Elder*
Accompanist Teri Guenther
Vocalists Natalie Dyjak, Nathanael Dyjak, Katelyn Lipke, Ariana Weinstein
Sound & Recording Tech Chris Stuhr

Thursday evenings 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.

Men’s Fellowship and Devotional Events!

Highlights

- ◆ Fellowship
- ◆ Fun
- ◆ Devotions

Please join us in the Grace Fellowship Hall on

Thursday, August 11 at 7:30PM

to find out more and give your input.



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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.

Altar flowers have been given by Greg & Karen Grorud in loving memory of August Lehet.

Baptism

Leah Michelle Wiechmann, daughter of Jay and Missy Wiechmann, born on August 3, will be made a forgiven child of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in worship this morning.

Read Ahead for Next Sunday:

Joel 3:12-16

1 Peter 4:1-8

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship following 10:00 AM worship today hosted by Kathy Silver & Sheila Bustamante. Please join us in the courtyard.

Vail Core Group/Launch Team Meeting

On Sunday, August 21 after early service (before Bible study) Pastor Rieke would like to meet briefly in the courtyard with the core group for the Vail site. This can include both those who are committed core group members and also anyone who might be interested. Those involved as part of the launch team are invited too. This brief meeting gives Pastor Rieke an opportunity to update the core group and the launch team, and also organize how we will move forward. There will also be information about our mission counselor Peter Kruschel's visit on August 23-24. If you are unable to make it, please speak with Pastor Rieke (343-9881).

**The core group is made up of those who plan to primarily worship at the Vail site. The launch team are those who want to help in specific ways to prepare for the first services at Vail.*

Call Decision

After weeks of careful consideration and prayer, I have decided to return the Call to serve as president of Michigan Lutheran Seminary and remain here at Grace. My family and I appreciate the conversations we have had with so many of you regarding the needs of MLS and the ministry here at Grace. Thank you also for your prayers on our behalf and for the good of the Lord's Kingdom. The spiritual maturity and the Christian love exhibited by you was encouraging and helpful. I look forward to serving you alongside the other pastors here at Grace as we seek to share the love of Jesus with many more people. May the Lord of the Church bless our work together! —Pastor Koehler

Today

- Worship Services/Communion7:45 & 10:00a
- Children's Sunday School8:45a
- Youth Confirmation Class8:45a
- Adult Bible Class: *The Life of Christ: The Child Jesus*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

- NEW!** Women's Bible Class..... 9:00a
- NEW!** Worship Choir 6:30p
- NEW!** Men's Fellowship..... 7:30p

Sunday

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New Women's Bible Class Starting this Week

A **NEW STUDY** begins this Thursday, August 11 at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall! Join Pastor Koehler and your sisters in Christ for a series of discussions on Prayer. We'll be 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.

Choir Is Starting This Week

Choir will be starting up a little early this summer so we have plenty of time to prepare 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! **The first practice is this Thursday, August 11 @ 6:30 PM!**

Did you hear this already?

Many members of Grace were aware on Friday of Pastor Koehler's decision to continue serving at Grace. We were able to share this information by email. If you did not receive this email, please share with us your current email address. You may also want to add

["Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church@mail.vresp.com"](mailto:Grace_Evangelical_Lutheran_Church@mail.vresp.com) to your email "safe" list to make sure that our emails are delivered to you. We intend to continue sharing timely information by email and want you to receive this information if you wish.

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

If you haven't done so already, please mark your calendars 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).

Sunday School Today

"Journey to Gethsemane" from Mark 14:32–42 serves as the basis for our Sunday School lesson this week. *Parents could discuss with their children the subject of Jesus' prayers in the garden by asking, "What did Jesus pray for in the hours before His crucifixion? What kinds of things does God invite us to pray for?"*

Dishes in the Kitchen

There are a number of dishes waiting in the kitchen to be picked up by their rightful owners. They tend to take up a lot of space so if you have brought food to one of our many functions recently, please stop by the kitchen and pick up your dishware today. Thanks!

Women of Grace Craft Fair

The Women of Grace will host a craft fair in conjunction with the Roast Beef Dinner this Fall. Anyone interested in donating crafts please let Beth Kassulke (293-2935) or Debbie Koehler (293-5617) know. Don't forget, there are Scrip gift cards available for Michael's & Joann's Fabrics.

ALA Scrip

Purchase full-value gift cards through the Arizona Lutheran Academy Scrip program and a portion of your purchase is used in support of Lutheran education. Gift cards are available from a wide variety of retailers, from grocery stores and restaurants to home improvement and electronics stores. Using Scrip is another way you can support Lutheran education without even spending additional money (just use Scrip for purchases you are making anyway)!

From June, 2010 through May, 2011, customers at Grace purchased \$134,622.09 worth of Scrip gift cards. This has resulted in \$7,177.07 of profits. About half of all profits benefit ALA directly, and the other half may be directed by the customers (to ALA, to Grace, or to the tuition account of a student at ALA or Redeemer—see the sign in the courtyard display case for eligible students from Grace).

If you are a qualifying Scrip customer, you should have received a profit report with the opportunity to direct your Scrip profits as you choose. Scrip profits that are directed to Grace will be used for our 100th Anniversary celebration and Vail Outreach.

If you have questions about Scrip or would like to purchase, see Vic and Lois Thornton in the Courtyard after the 7:45 AM worship service, or Debbie Koehler after the 10:00 AM service. If you are not a current Scrip customer, please check it out!

Grace Website

Be sure to visit our Grace website at www.GraceTucsonWELS.com. We have added several new features recently. On the website, you can watch service videos and follow along with the service folder, hear audio sermons, work through some online Bible studies, and find current schedules and information. Friends of Grace can also now make donations online. Some website items are only available to Grace members through your personal login, so be sure to sign up if you have not done so already.

WELS Tucson Campus Ministry

Attention college students and friends: plan to join us for the kickoff of our next semester of WELS Tucson Campus Ministry. Our WELS TCM Welcome Back Party is Sunday, August 28 at 6:00 PM. We'll have food and fun, and a great opportunity to get to know WELS TCM better!

