

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 2011



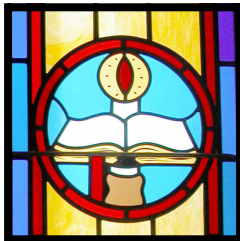
10:00 AM Worship



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

John 1:16

SERVICE OF THE WORD
Christian Worship



WELCOME

HYMN

To Your Temple I Draw Near
Christian Worship #226

Trumpets: Pastor Ron Koehler, Tyler Koehler

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 - *The choir will sing the response once all the way through. The congregation is asked to sing along the second time.*

Arr. Kathy Parra

4 ALL

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

WOMEN

Bless-ed are they who take re-fuge in him.

MEN

Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; —

WOMEN

it stands firm in the heav - - - ens. Your

— Your

21

faith - ful - ness con - ti - nues for - ev - - - - - er.

faith - ful - ness con - ti - nues for - ev - - - - - er.

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Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

31

Bless - ed are they who take re - fuge in him.

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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.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Joel 3:12-16

“Let the nations be roused; let them advance into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, for there I will sit to judge all the nations on every side. Swing the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, trample the grapes, for the winepress is full and the vats overflow—so great is their wickedness!” Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near

in the valley of decision. The sun and moon will be darkened, and the stars no longer shine. The LORD will roar from Zion and thunder from Jerusalem; the earth and the sky will tremble. But the LORD will be a refuge for his people, a stronghold for the people of Israel.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 18

Refrain



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for - tress.

Psalms tone



1. The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my de- /
liverer; *
my God is my rock, in whom I take / refuge.
2. He reached down from on high and took / hold of
me; *
he rescued me from my powerful / enemy.
3. He brought me out into a / spacious place; *
he rescued me because he delight- / ted in me.

Refrain

4. You, O LORD, keep my lamp / burning; *
my God turns my darkness / into light.

5. You save the / humble*
but bring low those whose eyes are / haughty.
6. You give me your shield of / victory, *
and your right hand sus- / tains me.
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

Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin. As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. They think it strange that you do not plunge with them into the same flood of dissipation, and

1 Peter 4:1-8

they heap abuse on you. But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to men in regard to the body, but live according to God in regard to the spirit. The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

VERSE OF THE DAY



C: 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 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’ ‘An enemy did this,’ he replied. The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’ ‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.” He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

Day of Wrath, Oh, Day of Mourning
Christian Worship #209

SERMON

Joel 3:12-16
Are You Prepared for the Day of the Lord?

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.

BE SEATED

THANKSGIVING

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!

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Arr. by Rebecca R. Kramer

ADULT CONFIRMATION

of

Meghan Marie Festerling

M: Having been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and having been instructed in the basic teachings of the Bible, you are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith. The apostle Paul, writing to the Romans, said: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Therefore, lift up your heart to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions.

M: Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this congregation, acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation?

R: I do.

M: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

R: I do.

M: Do you believe in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

R: I do.

M: Do you believe all the canonical books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?

R: I do.

M: Do you believe that the teaching of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, as you have learned it in the Grow in Grace Class, is faithful and true to the Word of God?

R: I do.

M: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R: I do, and I ask God to help me.

M: Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word, to be faithful in the use of the Word and sacrament, and in faith and action remain true to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as long as you live?

R: I do, and I ask God to help me.

The Pastor blesses the confirmand and hands her a confirmation certificate.

M: Your church now welcomes you into communicant membership, with all the rights, benefits, and responsibilities that this entails, and invites you to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's Table as a precious privilege given you by God through his Church; receive this Sacrament thankfully and often. The almighty and most merciful God—Father, Son †, and Holy Spirit—bless and keep you.

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.**

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.**

BE SEATED

HYMN

On Eagles' Wings
Christian Worship #440

STAND

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.

M: Brothers and sister, 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

Come, You Thankful People, Come
Christian Worship #613

POSTLUDE

Come, You Thankful People, Come
Arr. by Valerie A. Floeter

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Worship LeaderPastor Nathan Kassulke
PreacherPastor Colin Rieke, *Grace's Mission Pastor to Vail*
Confirming PastorPastor Ron Koehler
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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 Brian & Linda Morris thanking God for the joys, blessings, and trials in 33 years of marriage.

Confirmation

Meghan Festerling will be confirmed during worship this morning. We welcome her to Grace and ask God's blessings on her!

Read Ahead for Next Sunday:

1 Kings 3:5-12
1 Timothy 6:17-21
Matthew 13:44-52

Next Sun. Sermon Text & Theme:

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

You Are Invited

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

Vail Core Group/Launch Team Meeting

Next 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

This Week's Schedule (8/14/11 - 8/21/11)

Today

- Worship Services..... 7:45 & 10:00a
- Children's Sunday School.....8:45a
- 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
- Sunday School Teachers' Meeting**..... 11:15a

Monday

- Financial Peace University 6:30p

Tuesday

- Council Meeting** 6:15p

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

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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!

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.

New 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'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 This Week

Choir started up last week, but it's not too late to join! 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 18 @ 6:30 PM!**

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).

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 from Grace! 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.

Sunday School Today

Today, students in Sunday School are studying Acts 9:20–31, "Journey in a Basket." A family faith conversation might discuss ways God cares for us when we are in danger. *Parents could ask, "Why was it important for Paul to escape? How does God care for us when we are frightened?"*

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.

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!

Men's Fellowship and Devotional Events!

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.

Highlights

- ◆ Fellowship
- ◆ Fun
- ◆ Devotions

Please join us in the Grace Fellowship Hall on

Thursday, August 18 at 7:30PM

for a PIZZA fellowship!

*We will be meeting the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Thursday of each month