

# Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2011



*"For God has bound all men over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all." Romans 11:32*



*From the fullness of his GRACE we have all received one blessing after another.*  
John 1:16

# For Grace We Thank You, Lord

1. For grace we thank you, Lord For glo - rious  
 2. For grace in Christ, your Son Sent by your  
 3. For grace that comes to us, Grace in your

grace so free - ly giv - en, through the One you love  
 love, for sins for - giv - en, for our re - demp - tion  
 Word, your Sac - ra - ments, so un - de - served you come

Set a - part from birth, called by mer - cy,  
 For the bless - ings of life e - ter - nal,  
 Make us ho - ly by your Spir - it

We praise Your grace!  
 On - ly by grace!  
 All by your grace!

*Refrain*  
 From your full - ness we've re - ceived grace u - pon grace and  
 bless - ing af - ter bless - ing. Lord, we praise your name!

*This hymn emphasizes God's abounding grace  
 as he has called us to be his children through faith in Christ's saving work,  
 keeps us in faith through the means of grace,  
 and blesses us in our family of faith.*

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 John 1:16***

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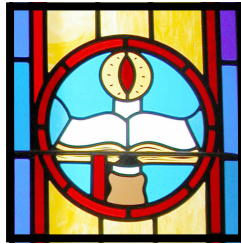
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## PRESERVICE

**For Grace We Thank You, Lord**  
*Text: Ronald Koehler, Tune/Setting: Kathy Parra*  
*Violin: Maya Parra*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

*Christian Worship*



## WELCOME

**HYMN** *(see previous page)*

**For Grace We Thank You, Lord**

*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 - Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction:

4 ALL Arr. Kathy Parra

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

9 WOMEN Bless-ed are they who take re - fuge in him. MEN Your Word, O Lord, — is e - ter - nal; —

16 WOMEN it stands — firm in the heav - - - ens. ALL Your

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

26 rit. 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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what 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.



C: A - men.

**BE SEATED**

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof and said to them, “I know that the LORD has given this land to you and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. We have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed. When we heard of it, our hearts melted and everyone’s courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below. Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and that you will save us from death.” “Our lives for your lives!” the men assured her. “If you don’t tell what we are doing, we will treat you kindly and faithfully when the LORD gives

### Joshua 2:8-21

us the land.” So she let them down by a rope through the window, for the house she lived in was part of the city wall. Now she had said to them, “Go to the hills so the pursuers will not find you. Hide yourselves there three days until they return, and then go on your way.” The men said to her, “This oath you made us swear will not be binding on us unless, when we enter the land, you have tied this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you have brought your father and mother, your brothers and all your family into your house. If anyone goes outside your house into the street, his blood will be on his own head; we will not be responsible. As for anyone who is in the house with you, his blood will be on our head if a hand is laid on him. But if you tell what we are doing, we will be released from the oath you made us swear.” “Agreed,” she replied. “Let it be as you say.” So she sent them away and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 133-134

### *Refrain*



### *Psalm tone*



1. How good and pleas- / ant it is\*  
when brothers live together in / unity!

2. For there the LORD bestows his / blessing,\*  
even life for- / evermore.

### *Refrain*

3. Praise the LORD, all you servants / of the LORD\*  
who minister in the house / of the LORD.

4. Lift up your hands in the sanctu- / ary\*  
and / praise the LORD.

5. May the LORD, the maker of heav- / en and earth,\*  
bless you from / Zion.

6. **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

I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I make much of my ministry in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies on your account; but as far as election is concerned,

## Romans 11:13-15, 28-32

they are loved on account of the patriarchs, for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. For God has bound all men over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.



## 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!

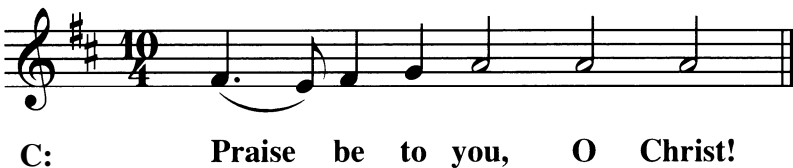
STAND

## GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession." Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost

sheep of Israel." The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs." "Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

## HYMN OF THE DAY

Seek Where You May to Find a Way  
*Christian Worship #395*

## SERMON

Romans 11:13-15, 28-32  
God Has Mercy on Us All

STAND

## APOSTLES' CREED

**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 it along. Thank You!*

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

**7:45 AM**

**I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord**  
*Arr. by James H. Fillmore*

**10:00 AM**

**Tune: Mississippi**  
*Setting by Rebecca R. Kramer*

*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

**When in the Hour of Utmost Need**  
*Christian Worship #413*

*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 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**My Faith Looks Up to Thee**  
*Christian Worship #402*

**Great is Thy Faithfulness**  
*Arr. by Lloyd Larson*

**Amazing Grace**  
*Arr. by Martha Mier*

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| <b>Worship Leader</b> .....             | Pastor Sam Clemons         |
| <b>Preacher</b> .....                   | Pastor Nathan Kassulke     |
| <b>Accompanist</b> .....                | Kathy Parra (7:45 AM)      |
|   | Elaine Goldie (10:00 AM)   |
| <b>Worship Choir Director</b> .....     | Teri Guenther              |
| <b>Sound &amp; Recording Tech</b> ..... | Jeremy Snavelly (10:00 AM) |



# 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.

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## **Read Ahead for Next Sunday:**

Joshua 4:1-9  
Revelation 7:1-8  
Matthew 16:13-20

## **Next Sun. Sermon Text & Theme:**

Psalm 34  
*Taste and See That The Lord is Good*

## **You Are Invited**

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

## **English as a Second Language**

We will begin our 11th year of our English as a Second Language program this week. Our entire wonderful staff is returning, for which we are very thankful. If anyone would be interested in being a substitute child care helper on a Tuesday evening, or a substitute snack preparer on a Monday or Tuesday evening, please contact the church office or Betty Hauser (795 -3311). There are times when someone is ill, or not able to come and this is when we would need your help. We thank the church council, our Pastors, the congregation and our many volunteers for their continued support of this Outreach program.

## **Prayer Partners**

There is interest in starting a prayer chain at Grace. We are now seeking the names of members who would like to be Prayer Partners. Prayer Partners could be any member who would like to pray for the needs of others. People with prayer requests would be able to submit those requests to a coordinator who would notify the Prayer Partners of the request by e-mail or phone. If you're interested in being a Prayer Partner contact Pastor Clemons or call the church office (623-6633).

## **Handbell Choir Starts this Week**

The handbell choir is having their first practice this Wednesday, September 14 at 5:30 PM in the church basement. Please come out if you're at all interested in playing or learning to play the handbells. Call Jenna Denzler (299-5544) if you have any questions.

## **NEW! Grow in Grace Class Starting Next Sunday**

Pastor Clemons will be starting a new Grow in Grace class next Sunday, September 18 at 9:00 AM in the conference room in the Church Office. Contact Pastor Clemons if you plan on attending (623-6633).

## **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.

### Today

- Worship Services..... 7:45 & 10:00a
- Children's Sunday School..... 8:45a
- Youth Confirmation Class..... 8:45a
- 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
- 100th Anniversary Service Followed by a Meal** ..... 3:00p
- NO** WELS Tucson Campus Ministry .....

### Monday

- Financial Peace University in Vail ..... 12:00p
- English as a Second Language Classes ..... 6:30p

### Tuesday

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### Wednesday

- Midweek Bible Class: *Church History* ..... 10:00a
- NEW!** Handbells Practice in the church basement..... 5:30p
- Wind Ensemble..... 5:30p
- Midweek Bible Class: *Church History* ..... 6:45p
- NEW!** Bible Study in Vail ..... 7:00p

### Thursday

- Women's Bible Study: *Prayer* ..... 9:00a
- Financial Peace University at Grace ..... 6:30p
- Worship Choir..... 6:30p
- Men's Fellowship at Gentle Ben's** ..... 7:45p

### Saturday

- Pioneers Pool Party!**..... 1:00p

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- Women of Grace Fall Meeting in the Sanctuary**.... 11:15a
- International Friends Reception in Fellowship Hall.... 3:00p
- WELS Tucson Campus Ministry..... 7:00p

### Free Scrip!

If you have never purchased Scrip (fundraising gift cards), or at least not in the last year, you need to stop by the Scrip table in the courtyard today! The first 10 individuals (one per family) will receive a FREE Scrip card and information about the program. All we ask is that you try it and see how easy it is to use! Scrip profits are paid by the merchant whose card you are purchasing – NOT you! You just spend money as usual and the places at which you shop donate the funds - no extra cost to you! See Vic and Lois Thornton (after early service and after Bible Class) or Debbie Koehler (after late service) today!

### Women of Grace Fall Meeting Date Has Changed!

The WOG Fall Meeting is **next Sunday, September 18 after the 10:00 AM worship service in the sanctuary**. This will just be a business meeting. After enjoying some coffee and cookies at the coffee fellowship, please make your way back into the church for the meeting (please refrain from bringing food or drinks into the sanctuary).

### Financial Peace University

Two new Financial Peace University classes are scheduled to start this week. One class will be at Pastor Rieke's house in Vail (10596 E. Pleasant Pasture Dr, 85747) **starting tomorrow from 12:00-2:00 PM**. The other class will be in the Fellowship Hall **this Thursday from 6:30-8:30 PM**. For more information or to register, please contact the Church Office at 623-6633 or visit [www.GraceTucsonWELS.com/fpu](http://www.GraceTucsonWELS.com/fpu).

### LWMS 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 TODAY. 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.

### Entertainment Books

Lifeliners will begin selling Entertainment Coupon Books and Bible verse calendars soon. Please watch for continued opportunities to support their activities.