Grace Ev. Lutheran Church June 17, 2012







Our mission at Grace is to teach the inspired and inerrant Word of God, to proclaim that Jesus Christ is the crucified and risen Savior of the world and to nurture believers for lives of Christian service.

We are very pleased that you have joined us for worship today at Grace-University! We pray that this time will be a blessing for you as God comes to you with his Word and promises and as you offer him your thanks and praise.

Worship Notes

The **order of service** we follow is printed out in this worship folder. You'll notice that the service is a dialogue between God and us, his people. The pastor speaks to God along with the congregation and also speaks the Word of God to the people.

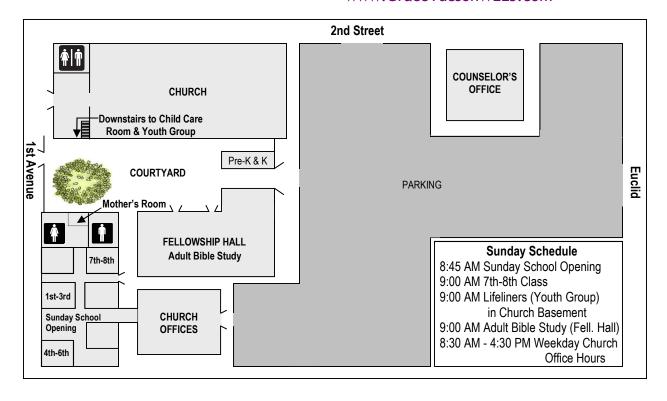
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

Large print worship folders are available in the entryway. You may also ask an usher or greeter to get one for you.

We believe that many blessings come from having families worship together and we love to have **children in worship!** If you need to calm a restless child, you may:

- stand for a few moments in the back entryway, sometimes that's all that's needed
- go down the stairs to the left in the front entryway—they will lead down to the Child Care Room where you will still be able to hear the service
- visit the private Mother's Room across the courtyard in the women's restroom—you will be able to hear the service there also

Printed copies of the sermon are available in the entryway along with CDs of the entire worship service for those who would like to review or take to a friend or family member. You may also find sermons and services in print, audio and video on our website: www.GraceTucsonWELS.com



Taste and See

Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. Psalm 34:8

Preservice Music: 10:00—Air from "Water Music" By G.F. Handel

Please stand

MINISTER: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit. **CONGREGATION:** Amen.

- M: In the beginning, God created a perfect world. He created perfect people and provided them all that they needed for their bodies and lives.
- C: God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.
- M: So that they might worship him, God gave Adam and Eve the command to avoid eating the fruit of one special tree.
- C: You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.
- M: Tempted by Satan, Adam and Eve ate from this tree. The perfect creation was ruined. Their relationship with God was devastated.
- C: Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.
- M: But God gave to Adam and Eve the promise of a Savior, one who would set right forever what they had done wrong.
- C: So the Lord God said to the serpent, "...I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."
- M: All of Adam and Eve's natural descendants, including each of us, have been conceived and born in sin in the image of our sinful parents.
- C: Sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned.
- M: We confess our sinful condition and our sins of thought, word, and deed:
- C: Holy and merciful Lord, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. I have disobeyed you in many ways by doing what you forbid and by failing to do what you command. Have mercy on me, a sinner.
- M: As God promised first to Adam and Eve, he sent his own beloved Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Jesus lived a perfect life for us and died an innocent death to save us. Having heard your confession, I as God's called servant forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

Genesis 1:31

Genesis 2:16-17

Genesis 3:8

Genesis 3:14-15

Romans 5:12

God promises forgiveness of sins in his Word. As repentant sinners, we are assured of this forgiveness by the pastor, with the same certainty as if this were coming from God himself.

Psalm 34:8

In response to God's mercy and forgiveness, Christians praise God and proclaim his goodness.

This arrangement of "Oh, Taste and See" was written by Grace member Kathy Parra.

This song is comprised of two Bible passages: Psalm 34:8 and Psalm 119:89

Oh, Taste and See



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON Genesis 41:56-42:7

When the famine had spread over the whole country, Joseph opened the storehouses and sold grain to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe throughout Egypt. And all the countries came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine was severe in all the world.

When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, "Why do you just keep looking at each other?" He continued, "I have heard that there is grain in Egypt. Go down there and buy some for us, so that we may live and not die." Then ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain from Egypt. But Jacob did not

send Benjamin, Joseph's brother, with the others, because he was afraid that harm might come to him. So Israel's sons were among those who went to buy grain, for the famine was in the land of Canaan also. Now Joseph was the governor of the land, the one who sold grain to all its people. So when Joseph's brothers arrived, they bowed down to him with their faces to the ground. As soon as Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them, but he pretended to be a stranger and spoke harshly to them. "Where do you come from?" he asked. "From the land of Canaan," they replied, "to buy food."

SECOND LESSON Acts 7:6-16

God spoke to him in this way: 'Your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years. But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves,' God said, 'and afterward they will come out of that country and worship me in this place.' Then he gave Abraham the covenant of circumcision. And Abraham became the father of Isaac and circumcised him eight days after his birth. Later Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob became the father of the twelve patriarchs. Because the patriarchs were jealous of Joseph, they sold him as a slave into Egypt. But God was with him and rescued him from all his troubles. He gave Joseph wisdom and

enabled him to gain the goodwill of Pharaoh king of Egypt; so he made him ruler over Egypt and all his palace. Then a famine struck all Egypt and Canaan, bringing great suffering, and our fathers could not find food. When Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent our fathers on their first visit. On their second visit, Joseph told his brothers who he was, and Pharaoh learned about Joseph's family. After this, Joseph sent for his father Jacob and his whole family, seventy-five in all. Then Jacob went down to Egypt, where he and our fathers died. Their bodies were brought back to Shechem and placed in the tomb that Abraham had bought from the sons of Hamor at Shechem for a certain sum of money.

The Verse of the Day is a familiar or significant Scripture text framed with alleluias.

Today's Verse of the Day is John 20:31.





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

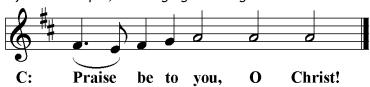
Please stand

GOSPEL John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. There came a man who was sent from God: his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received

him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John testifies concerning him. He cries out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me." From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



HYMN OF THE DAY

When in the Hour of Utmost Need Christian Worship #413

SERMON

Genesis 41:56-42:7 God Preserves the Promise

Please Stand

NICENE CREED

C: 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.

Please be seated

OFFERING

Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation's work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God's kingdom.

Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the row and pass it along. Thank You!

The Nicene Creed was first developed in 325 at the First Council of Nicea. It was written to reaffirm the Biblical teaching of the divinity of Jesus, God's Son. Like the Apostles' and Athanasian Creeds, the Nicene Creed is a confession of what the Bible teaches.

OFFERTORY: 10:00—Noel with Variations By Claude Louis Balbastre Christians stand for congregational prayer showing the freedom of God's children to come boldly into his presence. The Christian theologian Augustine (400 AD) adds, "We pray standing. . .as a sign of the Resurrection."

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 anther. 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 8 with the Words of Institution.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



Matthew 6 and Luke 11 record how Jesus taught his disciples to pray. We use his example prayer as part of our public worship, trusting that he will hear and answer our prayers. M: Lift up your hearts.

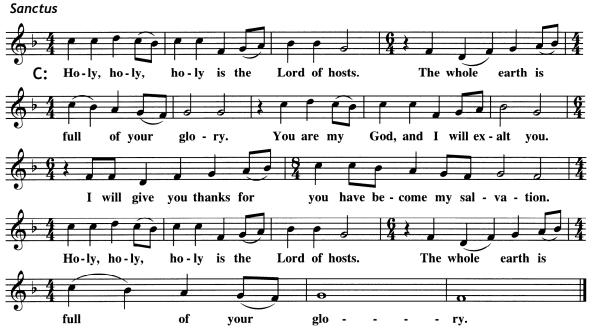


M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



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.





WORDS OF INSTITUTION

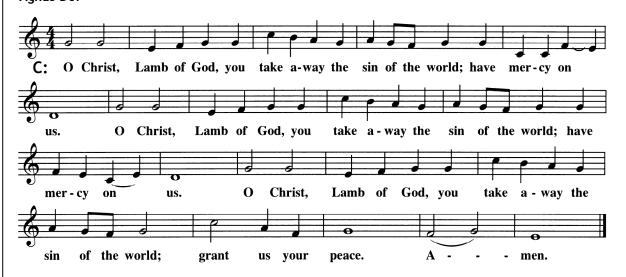
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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

The Bible teaches that the Lord's Supper is a unique communion of Christ and the individual believer as well as a coming together of people who hold to the same beliefs. Because of these Scriptural truths, we practice **Member Communion** at Grace. Those who are confirmed members of Wisconsin Synod congregations (WELS) are invited to receive the Lord's Supper with us.

If you are not a WELS member but have an interest in receiving Holy Communion, please speak with one of our pastors after church today or at another time. We are aware that there are a number of other teachings about Holy Communion, and we want it to be a blessing for you, so we would look forward to sharing with you what God says about this Sacrament.

We provide **gluten-free communion wafers** for those with wheat allergy, gluten-sensitivity or celiac disease. These wafers are stored and handled separately to avoid cross-contamination. They are "bread" as Scripture requires and are consecrated along with the rest of the bread. For those requiring gluten-free wafers, please take one from the container on the stand located at the front rail as you approach for communion. Simply hold it so that the pastor can see it at the time of distribution.

Grape juice is available for those who for health or medical reason require it instead of wine. Please speak with a pastor about providing grape juice for you on future Sundays.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (10:00 AM)

What Is This Bread? Christian Worship Supplement #742

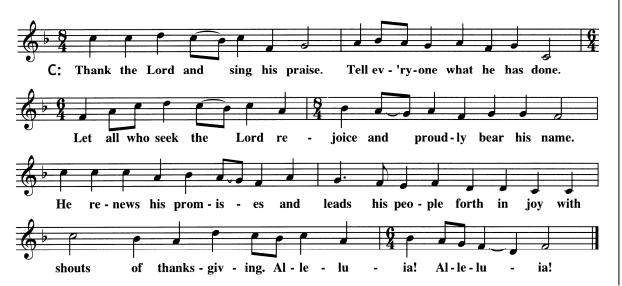


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STAND

THANKSGIVING

THANK THE LORD



PRAYER

M: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, this day you have allowed us to taste and see that you are good. The blessing of your Word and Sacrament has enlightened our hearts and minds with the good news of your love and salvation. Be with us as we go out into the world to share this with others so that they too may taste and see your salvation.



The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So I will put my name on [them], and I will bless them (Numbers 6:27)."

BLESSING

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 upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

Christian Worship #326

POSTLUDE (10:00 AM)

Tandanei / Praise God, Praise Him By Carnatic Tamil

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher Pastor Sam Clemons

Worship Leader Pastor Ron Koehler (10:00 AM)

Communion Assistants Pastor Nathan Kassulke, Pastor Mark Hallemeyer (10:00 AM)
Accompanists Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM) Tina Christianson (10:00 AM)

Sound & Recording Tech Jeremy Snavely (10:00 AM)



Grace is one congregation at TWO places!

Enjoy worship, Bible study and activities at both Grace-University and Grace-Vail.



This Week at Grace • June 17-24

*Unless otherwise noted, calendar events take place at Grace-University. Grace-Vail events are shown in red.

TODAY

Worship Services/Communion	7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both service	ces
Children's Sunday School	
Youth Confirmation Class	8:45a
Adult Bible Studies:	
 The Life of Christ: Jesus' Teaching (Fellow) 	owship Hall) 9:00a
• Grow in Grace Class (Conference Room	m in Office) 9:00a
Lifeliners (High School Group): Bible Stu	<i>ıdy</i> 9:00a
Grace-Vail Bible Study at Cottonwood E	lementary 9:00a
Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elen	nentary10:00a
Monday	
Bible Study at Vail Golf Club	9:30a
Vacation Bible School (Mon-Fri this w	reek)9:00-11:30a
Tuesday	
Handbells	5:30p
Council Meeting	6:15p

Wednesday

Thursday	
NO Women's Bible Study	
	6:30p

NO Midweek Bible Studies

Sunday

Worship Services	7:45 & 10:00a	
VBS Church Picnic Following 10 AM Worship		
Children's Sunday School	8:45a	
Youth Confirmation Class	8:45a	
Adult Bible Studies:		
• The Life of Christ: Jesus' Teaching (Fello	owship Hall)9:00a	

Check out the NEW GRACE WEBSITE at www.GraceTucsonWELS.com!

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Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen. 2 Peter 3:18

TODAY

For Our Guests

If you are visiting Grace today, we are happy that you joined us for Worship. Please help yourself to a Guest Packet as you leave this morning. You'll find them in the church entryway.

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. If you are a guest with us today, please see p. 9 in today's worship folder under "Distribution" for information about our practice of Member Communion.

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Robert Chappell in memory of his father, Charles Chappell.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

> Exodus 12:21-28 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 John 1:29-35

Sermon Text & Theme

Exodus 12:21-28

A Meal to Remember

You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship this morning in the courtyard following both services hosted by Sally Littau, Nancy Miles, Pat Rader, and Lois Thornton. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Memorial Service

Minnie Toben was called to her heavenly home Thursday, June 14. There will be a memorial service at Redeemer Lutheran Church (8845 North Silverbell Rd) this Wednesday, June 20 at 11:00 AM.

Vacation Bible School at Grace-University Starts Tomorrow!

Get in the time machine and travel back to Jerusalem and other biblical sites at our "Back to Jerusalem" Vacation Bible School! Along the way, we'll learn that God's message to us about his love for us never changes. Each day devotions, songs, and crafts reinforce the lessons. So, gather up your children, nieces, nephews and friends in the neighborhood and bring them to Grace-University for time-travel fun! VBS is June 18-22, 9:00-11:30 AM. Please register today. Registration forms are available online or in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall.



If you have any questions please speak to our coordinator, Cindy Breitkreitz (298-9758) or to Pastor Kassulke. Donations for Vacation Bible School are also appreciated.

Church Picnic

Please plan to join us at Grace-University next Sunday, June 24 after the 10:00 AM worship service for our annual Church Picnic. The June 24 worship service will also serve as our VBS closing service. Members of Grace are asked to bring a side dish and a dessert to share. Grace will provide grilled hot dogs and hamburgers. Volunteer help is also needed.

Since this is our first Church Picnic since the launch of our second site, we are encouraging members of Grace to attend worship at Grace-Vail on June 24 (also at 10:00), to help tear-down and clean up after the service, and then to join us for food and fellowship at the Picnic.

Thank You From John Hoffman

Dear members of Grace,

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the wonderful cards, gifts, thoughts and cookie fellowship that was given to me upon my retirement from the position of Sunday School Superintendent. I feel truly blessed to have been able to serve God and our congregation in this capacity for over twenty years. The children have always been very special to me. I now look forward to serving our Lord and our congregation in other capacities. Thank you again for all the support and prayers during my tenure as superintendent and a special thanks to all the teachers and helpers that served with me.

Yours in Christ,

John Hoffman

Church Library

Please hold off on donations to the church library at this time. It is in the middle of being inventoried. You may still borrow books, but please do not move large amounts of books on or off the shelves. Also, please do not bring food or drinks into the library. If you have any questions please contact Judy Ethington at 971-5839.

Christian Fellowship Group

"Timely" is an important word. Come and learn how this word applies to pre-funeral planning. It's the topic for our Saturday, July 14 gathering in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall. Christian Fellowship is hosting this event and Bring Funeral home is sponsoring it. A power-point presentation will be given by a Bring's prearrangement counselor. The presentation will begin at noon, so arrive a few minutes early. Please bring sandwiches and/or a salad to share. The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and older with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis.

Redeemer is Now Hiring

Redeemer Lutheran School is looking to add to their existing staff to create a loving, safe and enriching preschool and extended care program. If you have experience working with children and are interested in working at Redeemer Preschool or Extended Care several mornings or afternoons a week during the school year, please contact Hanna Stahl at 572-8136 or email her at hannah.stahl@redeemertucson.org.

Scrip Profits

If you are a Scrip user, you should have received (or should soon receive) a report on the profits that you have earned for the past year. Please take the time to direct those profits to the tuition account of one of our students at Redeemer Lutheran School or Arizona Lutheran Academy. Or share them directly with Grace to be used in our Workers Scholarship Fund, which assists our members attending Martin Luther College or Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

Thank You

The Dyjak Family would like to thank all those who sent sympathy cards and kept the Dyjaks in their thoughts and prayers when Debbie's father, Warren Lorenzen, passed away. The Dyjaks would also like to thank Theresa Foley for supplying Grace members with fresh bread every month. It is greatly appreciated!