

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
May 13, 2012



PRESERVICE MUSIC

7:45 AM

The Gift of Love
Arr. by Lloyd Larson

10:00 AM

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me
By Robert J. Powell & Jeffrey Blersch

DIVINE SERVICE II

Christian Worship Supplement

WELCOME

HYMN

This Day at Your Creating Word
Christian Worship #229

STAND

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Mark 10:47

Kyrie—Kyrie is the Greek word for Lord. The expression "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian Church.

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: **Amen.**

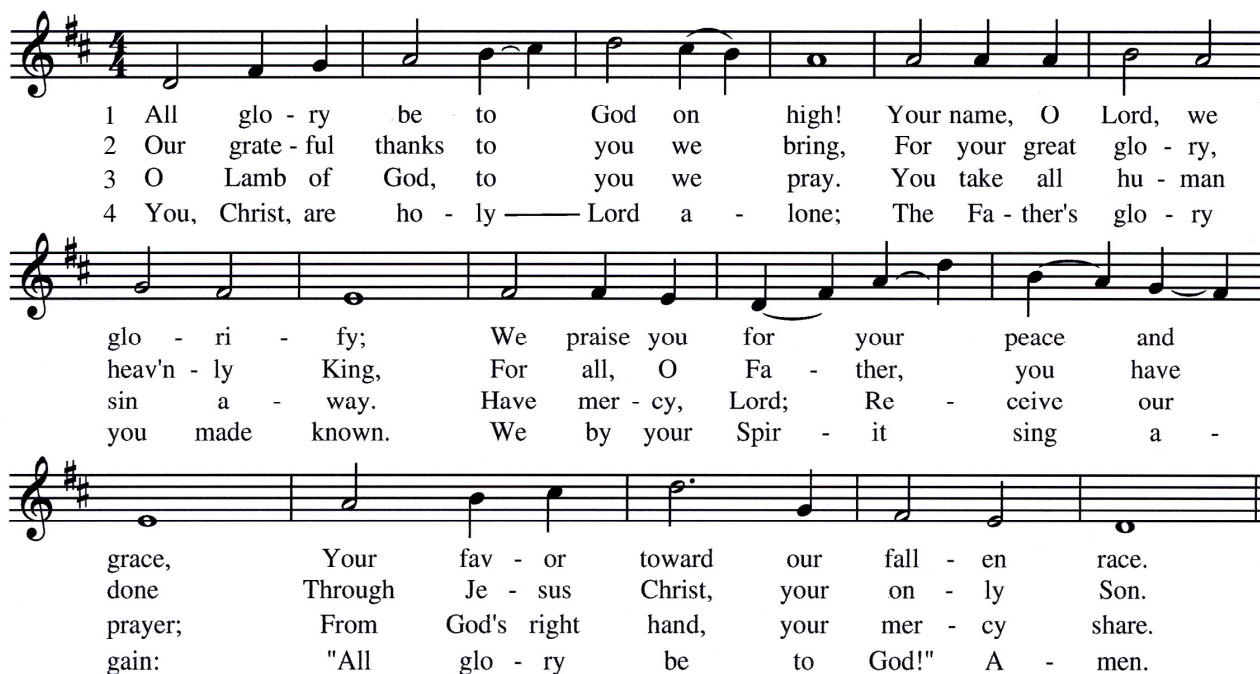
GLORY BE TO GOD

Luke 2:14

Gloria in Excelsis

Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction.

(Sung to the tune of "I Know that My Redeemer Lives," Christian Worship #152)



1 All glo - ry be to God on high! Your name, O Lord, we
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring, For your great glo - ry,
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray. You take all hu - man
4 You, Christ, are ho - ly — Lord a - lone; The Fa - ther's glo - ry

glo - ri - fy; We praise you for your peace and
heav'n - ly King, For all, O Fa - ther, you have
sin a - way. Have mer - cy, Lord; Re - ceive our
you made known. We by your Spir - it sing a -

grace, Your fav - or toward our fall - en race.
done Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
prayer; From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
gain: "All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Acts 9:36-42

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which, when translated, is Dorcas), who was always doing good and helping the poor. About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!" Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him

the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them. Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called the believers and the widows and presented her to them alive. This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

PSALM OF THE DAY (7:45 AM)

Psalm 98

Refrain



Psalm Tone



1. Sing to the LORD a / new song,*
for he has done mar- / velous things.
2. The LORD has made his sal- / vation known*
and revealed his righteousness to the / nations.
3. He has remembered his love and his faithfulness
to the house of / Israel;*
all the ends of the earth have seen the
salvation / of our God.
4. Shout for joy to the LORD, / all the earth,*
burst into jubilant song with / music;
5. make music to the LORD / with the harp,*
with the harp and the sound of / singing.
6. Shout for joy before the / LORD, the King.*
He will judge the world in righteousness and
the peoples with / equity.
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

Refrain

VOCAL TRIO (10:00 AM)

Sing a New Song
By Dan Schutte

SECOND LESSON

1 John 4:1-11

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God, and

whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood. Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Romans 10:17



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

Faith comes from hear-ing the mes-sage, and the mes - sage is heard through the

Word of Christ. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - - - ia!

STAND

GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

M: The Gospel according to John chapter fifteen.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I

command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: Love each other.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

Son of God, Eternal Savior
Christian Worship #492

SERMON

Acts 9:36-42
The Funeral That Almost Was

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

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

This is My Will
Arr. by Rebecca Kramer

10:00 AM

The Power of Your Love / My Savior's Love
By Carol Tornquist

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH—EASTER SEASON

M: God of all grace, we thank you for the gift of eternal life in your Son. By the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and by the faithful testimony of the apostles, you have assured us that our faith stands on a sure and solid foundation.

Though we do not see Jesus with our physical eyes, help us see him with the eyes of faith. Through your Holy Spirit, breathe on your Church that it may faithfully proclaim the gospel of our risen Savior with courage and diligence in all lands and to all people. Grant that we also may be illumined by the heavenly light of your Word, and so keep us in the one and only true faith.

M: Preserve us from all assaults on our souls, deliver us from doubt and despair, and preserve us from worldly wisdom and false teaching.

Forgive the sins of your people. Strengthen the doubting and faithless. Bring back the forgetful and wayward, and comfort the anxious and the distressed.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: As we go from this holy place today, grant peace and rest to us all. We pray this in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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

This Is My Will
Christian Worship #497

STAND

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

M: 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: Amen.

BE SEATED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill
Christian Worship #458

POSTLUDE

7:45 AM

Cantate Domino
Arr. by Rebecca Kramer

10:00 AM

The Gift of Love
By The O'Neill Brothers

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher Pastor Ron Koehler
Worship Leader Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM)
Accompanists Kathy Parra (7:45 AM)
Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Trio Teri Guenther, Beth Kassulke, Kathy Parra (10:00 AM)
Guitar Jim Goldie (10:00 AM)
Ushers Vic Thornton (7:45 AM)
Rick Street, Ed Ethington, Joe Dyjak, Nathanael Dyjak, AJ Di Domizio, Jon Dongoske (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech Jeremy Snavely (10:00 AM)



Vacation Bible School

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 for time-travel fun! VBS is June 18-22, 9:00-11:30 AM. More information and registration forms are available online or in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to volunteer to assist with VBS, please speak to our coordinator, Cindy Breitreitz (298-9758) or to Pastor Kassulke. Donations for Vacation Bible School are also appreciated.

Church Picnic

Please plan to join us at Grace-University on 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.



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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 Robert Chappell in memory of his mother, Bernice Chappell.

Read Ahead for Next Sunday:

Deuteronomy 33:26-29
Ephesians 4:7-16
Luke 24:44-53

Next Sun. Sermon Text & Theme:

Luke 24:44-53
Up, Up, and Away

You Are Invited

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

Upcoming Voters' Meeting

The next voters' meeting is this **Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00 PM**. Pastor and Council reports can be found at both exits and in the Fellowship Hall. The report keeps members informed and helps voters prepare for the meeting.

May Women's Night Out!

Mark your calendar for the **Women of Grace Night Out** at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, May 22. This year's event will be at the **Macaroni Grill** at 5100 E. Broadway Blvd. RSVP by May 20 to Debbie Koehler 293-5617 or Teri Guenther 235-1177. If you plan to attend, there is Scrip available for the restaurant. Be sure to bring a friend and join us for an evening of Christian fellowship. You don't want to miss this enjoyable event and guests are welcome!

Men's Bible Study this Week

Please join us in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall this Thursday, May 17 at 7:30 PM for a Men's Bible Study that will focus on the roles and responsibilities of a Christian man in today's world.

Do You Know How To Drive?

If you know how to drive and would like to be of service to a few of our members who can no longer drive, consider volunteering to drive the Grace van on Sunday mornings. We would like to have a few drivers so that it's not an every Sunday job (unless you want that!). If you'd like a little more information, please speak with Pastor Clemons.



Today

- Worship Services..... 7:45 & 10:00a
- Children's Sunday School..... 8:45a
- Youth Confirmation Class..... 8:45a
- Adult Bible Studies:
 - *The Life of Christ: Jesus' Teaching* (Fellowship Hall)... 9:00a
 - *Grow in Grace Class* (Conference Room in Office) 9:00a
- Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*..... 9:00a
- Grace-Vail Bible Study at Cottonwood Elementary 9:00a
- Grace-Vail Service at Cottonwood Elementary 10:00a
- Coffee Fellowship following 10 AM Worship

Monday

- Bible Study at Vail Golf Club: *Book of Acts*..... 9:30a
- English as a Second Language Final Potluck..... 6:30p

Tuesday

- Handbells..... 5:30p
- Voters' Meeting..... 7:00p

Wednesday

- Midweek Bible Study: *Church History*..... 10:00a
- Midweek Bible Study: *Church History*..... 7:00p
- NO** Bible Study at the Prigge's

Thursday

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

Sunday **ASCENSION SUNDAY**

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Visit us on the web:

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www.facebook.com/GraceTucsonWELS

Redeemer Lutheran School Graduation

You are invited to Redeemer Lutheran Church on Thursday, May 24 at 7:00 PM for an eighth grade graduation worship service. Grace member James Pauley is a 2012 Redeemer graduate. After the service there will be a reception to honor the graduates and to recognize the service of four teachers who are concluding their service at Redeemer this year: Mrs. Eckert, Mrs. Moreno, Mrs. Schmugge, and Mrs. Ferbeyre.

Redeemer Summer Preschool

Redeemer Lutheran Preschool is offering a Summer Session this July 23-27, 8:30 AM-12:15 PM. The cost of this one week session is \$100. All potty trained 3, 4, and 5 year olds are welcome. Join us for an exciting week of educational activities, Bible stories, games, snacks and crafts! Our theme is ice cream, so be prepared for some sweet treats too! Our summer session is a great opportunity to prepare your child for a preschool atmosphere this fall! Call Redeemer for more information and to pick up a registration form (520-572-8136).

Pastor Clemons

Pastor Clemons and eleven members from Grace will be traveling to Greece, Turkey, and Rome following in the footsteps of Paul from May 28-June 9. The Wednesday morning Bible Studies will still be held. Pastor Kassulke will be the guest lecturer while Pastor Clemons is gone.

Grace Website

The Grace website has been redesigned! Check it out at www.gracetucsonwels.com.



As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

GALATIANS 6:10

Grace invites its members to “Do Good” by following the Apostle Paul’s encouragement to help others. Gifts of clothing, food and household items will assist those in need on the Apache reservation, children in our Lutheran schools, and others in our own community. Please consider how you might “Do Good!”



WELS
Christ's Love, Our Calling.

APACHE LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Your donations of gently used clothing are received on Sunday mornings after worship at the counseling building behind the church at Grace-University. These will help our Apache brothers and sisters in Christ on the reservation. Other drop off times may be coordinated through Russ and Sandy Weir (795-0062), Cinda Drescher (615-6059), Geri DeRosa (615-6059), or Bill & Dorothy Rauh (296-8840). Grace’s Christian Fellowship Group coordinates this effort.



Donations of toys, household items and clothing collected here in Tucson will be taken to the Lutheran Thrift Store in Phoenix. Proceeds from the store support Arizona Lutheran Academy, our high school in Phoenix. Jeff Weinstein can be contacted about receiving items you would like to donate (909-7649).



**Community Food Bank
of Southern Arizona**



Grace has supported the Food Bank for many years. Those wishing to donate boxed and canned food items may leave them in the southwest corner of the fellowship hall under the greeting card table. Monetary donations may also be made through your regular offering envelopes by simply writing the dollar amount and “Food Bank” on the envelope.

