# Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Grace Lutheran Church June 24, 2012





#### 830 N. First Ave Tucson, AZ 85719

Worshiping Sunday Morning at 7:45 & 10:00

# 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.



9950 E. Rees Loop Tucson, AZ 85747

Worshiping Sunday Morning at 10:00

#### www.GraceTucsonWELS.com

#### As We Gather

We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord and the Savior of all mankind. We are delighted that you have chosen to spend this hour of worship with us and pray that your faith will be strengthened and your spirit lifted as we exalt the Lord our God.

#### **A Prayer Before Worship**

O Lord, spare us from the folly of wickedness and the pursuit of evil. Make us rejoice in your saving acts that we who have been redeemed by your Son may abound in works of faith, hope, and love; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

## **A Few Notes About Our Service**

#### The Order of Worship

God does not restrict us to specific orders of worship. We are free to worship him in many different ways. From ancient times Christians have chosen to use a "liturgy" to guide them in worship. The word "liturgy" means service. Liturgies are orders of worship which provide a solemn setting for songs and expressions of praise, repentance of sins, attentiveness to God's word, public profession of our faith, prayer, and support for his kingdom.

#### Dialogue

The Lutheran liturgies contain a series of dialogues between the worship leader and the assembled congregation, and between the congregation and God. The movements of the worship leader are significant; they point the direction of our worship. When the worship leader faces the altar, it signifies that the leader and congregation are speaking to God with prayers or praises. At other times when the leader faces the congregation he is acting as God's spokesman who brings God's word to God's people.

#### **Sundays after Pentecost**

We have entered into the non-festival half of the Church Year. We never leave behind Christ and his work for us which was the center of our attention in the festival half of the Church Year; but now the emphasis has shifted to the result of his work through the Word: the work of defining faith, of creating it and inspiring its fruits in the church collectively and in each of us individually.

## SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Christian Worship

#### PRESERVICE MUSIC:

**Let All Things Now Living**Arr. by Valerie Floeter

#### **WELCOME**

#### **HYMN**

#### Let All Things Now Living Christian Worship #260



#### **INVOCATION**

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:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.

We come before the true God only because of his mercy and not because we deserve to come. We confess our unworthiness and rejoice to hear the assurance of forgiveness.

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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.

#### PRAYER AND PRAISE

## LORD, HAVE MERCY Kyrie

**M:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



**M:** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



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. **M:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.



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



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

#### WE READ FROM SCRIPTURE

FIRST LESSON Jonah 3:1-10

"And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe."

-1 Thessalonians 2:13

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very important city—a visit required three days. On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned." The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the

dust. Then he issued a proclamation in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let any man or beast, herd or flock, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish." When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.

#### SECOND LESSON Colossians 1:3-8

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints—the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel that

has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth. You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

#### 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, Al - le lu - ia! God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu ia!

The congregation stands and sings a song of praise out of respect for the words of Christ, our King.

GOSPEL Mark 4:26-34

He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come." Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to

describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade." With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

#### After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



**BE SEATED** 

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

#### Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid Christian Worship #188



Copies of the sermon are available in the back at the information table and will be posted on the Grace website.

The Nicene Creed was

first developed in 325 at the First Council of

Nicea. It was written to

teaching of the divinity of

Jesus, God's Son. Like the Apostles' and

Athanasian Creeds, the

Bible teaches.

reaffirm the Biblical

**SERMON** 

Mark 4:26-34 See How God's Word Works

**STAND** 

#### **OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH**

"That 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." -Romans 10:9,10

#### **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.

**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!

**OFFERTORY MUSIC** 

We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost Christian Worship #190

**STAND** 

Nicene Creed is a confession of what the

#### 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.

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.

#### THE SACRAMENT

#### **PREFACE**

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**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.

#### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus The whole Lord of hosts. earth is Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the of your full You are my God, and I will ex - alt glo - ry. I will give you thanks for you have be - come my sal - va - tion. The whole Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. earth is

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

full

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."

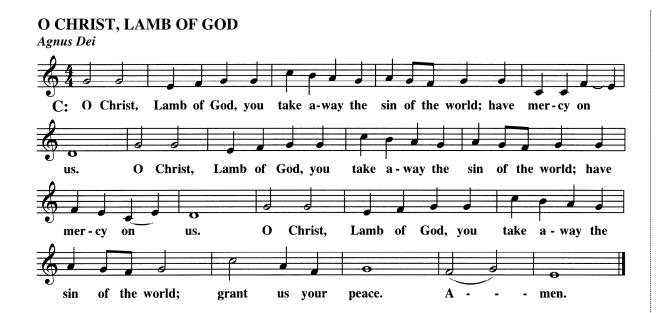
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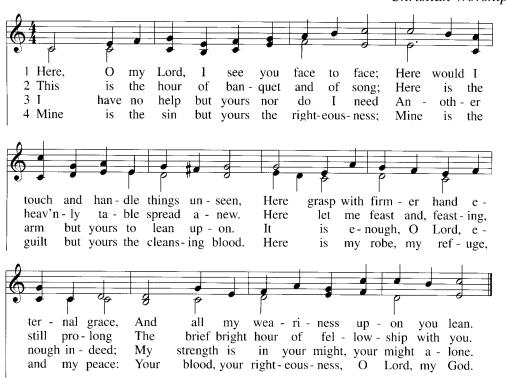
**BE SEATED** 

#### **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 the pastor after church today or at some other time to discuss receiving the Lord's Supper with us in the future.

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

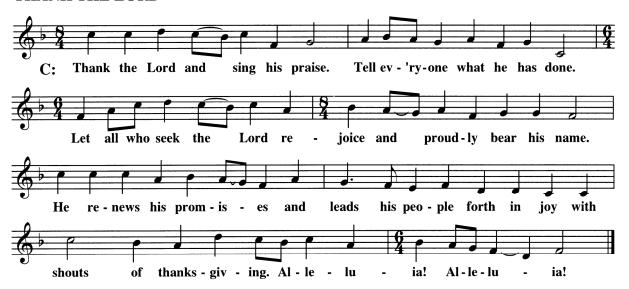
#### Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face Christian Worship #315



- 5 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear.
  The feast, though not the love, is past and gone.
  The bread and wine remove, but you are here,
  Nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.
- Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
   Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
   Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
   The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

#### **THANKSGIVING**

#### THANK THE LORD



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.



#### THE 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 on you and be gracious to you.

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



**BE SEATED** 

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### 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).

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

#### On What Has Now Been Sown

Christian Worship #322



## THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leader	Pastor Colin Rieke
Communion Assistant	Jason Watson
Accompanist	Gloria Gerdts
Guitarist	
Sound Technician	Jason Watson

#### **POSTLUDE:**

Blessed Assurance
Text by Fanny J. Crosby
& Marie J. Post



Worshiping at 9950 E. Rees Loop Tucson, Arizona 85747

9:00 AM —Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 AM—Worship Service

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# Grace-Vail Announcements and Upcoming Events

## **Quick Tear-Down and Clean-Up this Morning**

This morning after the church service we will be tearing down the worship area and putting equipment away fairly quickly so that we are able to travel to Grace-University (830 N. First Ave), the site of our church picnic. If you need directions to Grace-University there is a small map located on the back of this worship folder. If you would like a ride please speak with Pastor Rieke following the service.

#### **Church Picnic TODAY!**

You are invited to Grace's annual Church Picnic today following 10:00 AM worship at Grace-University. There will be grilled hotdogs and hamburgers as well as fun activities for the kids. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ. Many attending our worship service today at Grace-Vail are going to the picnic afterward. You are invited to join them!

## **Nursery Available**

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Therefore, we welcome children in our worship service. If, however, you feel the need to calm or feed your young children, we do have a nursery available. Follow the signs through the south entrance doors to find it.

#### Do You Want to Grow in Grace?

It is every Christian's desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18). Here at Grace we are able to provide a number of opportunities to do just that. If you would like to learn (or review) what the Bible teaches us about Jesus we have a class just for you. Our Grow in Grace class serves as a review of basic Bible teachings and also as our membership class. Join us after church for an hour to learn more about your Savior. If this time doesn't work, please speak with Pastor Rieke for a time that fits in your schedule.

## Monday—Acts Bible Study

We invite you to join us for a journey through the book of Acts found in the New Testament continuing tomorrow, June 25. This book recounts the history of the early Christian Church. It shows how the Holy Spirit worked through the challenges that the early Christians faced to spread his gospel message. Many of these challenges are similar to the ones we face today. Join us on Mondays at the Del Lago Golf Club (14155 East Vía Rancho Del Lago – Vail) at 9:30 AM.



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# Grace-University Announcements and Upcoming Events

#### **Called Home to Heaven**

Bev Wagner-King was called home to heaven Wednesday, June 20. The date of Bev's memorial service at Grace-University is pending.

## **Youth Rally**

Pastor Kassulke and Pastor Koehler will be gone June 26-July 2. They are taking our youth group, the Lifeliners, to the WELS International Youth Rally in Knoxville, TN.

## **Next Sunday's Bible Study**

Next Sunday, July 1, during the Bible Study hour (9:00-9:45 AM), Pastor Clemons and some participants will review their recent tour "Footsteps of the Apostle Paul."

## **Church Library at Grace-University**

Please hold off on donations to the Grace-University 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 Meeting**

"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.

## **Member Feedback Meetings**

Every now and then the church council and pastors like to provide information on a special item of interest to the congregation and receive your feedback on it. At those times we schedule a Member Feedback Meeting (MFM). The subject of a Worship Coordinator for Grace has come up recently, especially as we have added worship services in Vail. Our ministry expansion has brought many blessings and opportunities for members to serve in worship, but it has also presented us with some challenges...in addition to some we already had! On Sunday, July 15, we will hold MFMs at Grace-Vail and Grace-University during the Bible Study hour. Pastor Rieke will lead the Vail MFM at 9:00 AM and Pastor Koehler will lead the 9:00 AM MFM at Grace-University. Please make a point of attending to receive more information about how we're doing as one congregation at two sites, to hear about this proposal and to give some feedback to help us determine how best to move forward.

## This Week at Grace (6/24/12 - 7/1/12)

## **Grace—University**

### **Grace—Vail**

#### **TODAY**

Worship Services7:45 &	10:00a
VBS Church Picnic Following 10 AM Worship	
Children's Sunday School	8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class	
Adult Bible Studies:	
• The Life of Christ- Jesus' Teaching (Fellowship Hall)	9·00a

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- Grow in Grace Class (Conference Room in Office).....9:00a Lifeliners (High School Group): Bible Study.......9:00a

#### **Tuesday**

WELS Intl. Youth Rally Lifeliner Trip—TN (June 26-July 2).....

#### Wednesday

Midweek Bible Studies: Church History	10:00a
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#### **Thursday**

NO Women's Bible Study	
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#### Sunday

Worship Services/Communion	7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services	
Children's Sunday School	8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class	8:45a
Adult Bible Studies:	
<ul> <li>Pastor Clemons: Recap of Greece Trip (F. Ha</li> </ul>	all)9:00a
NO Grow in Grace Class	
Lifeliners (High School Group): Bible Study	9:00a
NO Grow in Grace Class	

#### **TODAY**

Bible Study & Discussion	9:00a
Worship Service	

#### Monday

Bible Study at Del Lago Golf Club: Book of Acts......9:30a

#### **Sunday**

Bible Study & Discussion	9:00a
Worship Service	
"Meet & Greet" Fellowship	

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## **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 Grace's 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.

## **Redeemer is Now Hiring**

Redeemer Lutheran School (8845 North Silverbell Rd) 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 <a href="https://hannah.stahl@redeemertucson.org">hannah.stahl@redeemertucson.org</a>.

## Map to Grace-University

