## Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



"Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."
-Matthew 22:21

Grace Lutheran Church July 1, 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

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#### 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

God Most High, by your Word you created a wondrous universe, and through your Spirit you breathed into it the breath of life. Accept creation's hymn of praise from our lips, and let the praise that is sung in heaven resound in the heart of every creature on earth, to the glory of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. 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 THE WORD

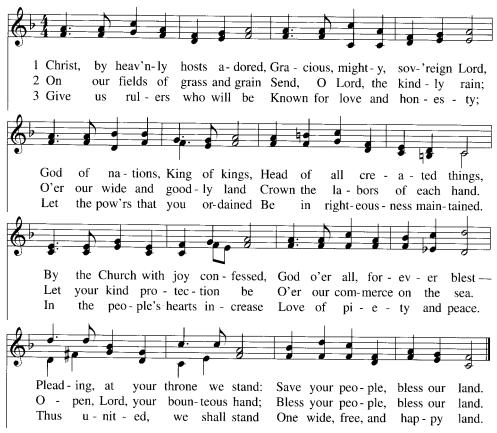
Christian Worship

#### WELCOME

#### **HYMN**

#### Christ, by Heavenly Hosts Adored

Christian Worship #617



#### **STAND**

#### **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:** 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.

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.

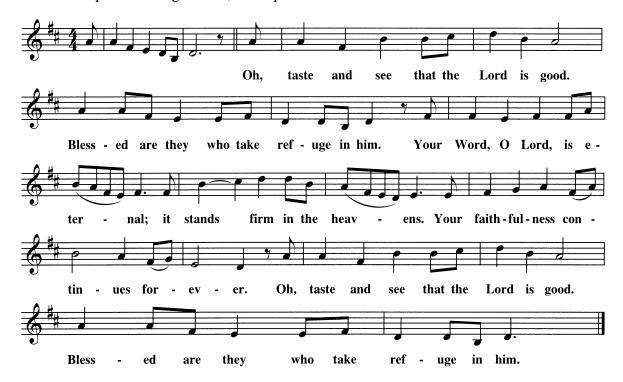
God promises forgiveness of sins in his Word. As repentant sinners, we are assured of this forgiveness by the pastor, with the same certainty as if this were coming from God himself.

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

- 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.



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray. O Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, 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

#### **Deuteronomy 6:4-7, 17**

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your

children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Be sure to keep the commands of the LORD your God and the stipulations and decrees he has given you.

"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

#### **PSALM 148**

M: Praise the LORD from the heavens,

C: praise him in the heights above.

M: Praise him, all his angels,

C: praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

M: Praise him, sun and moon,

C: praise him, all you shining stars.

**M:** Praise the LORD from the earth,

C: lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his bidding,

M: you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

C: wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

M: kings of the earth and all rulers on earth,

C: young men and maidens, old men and children.

M: Let them praise the name of the LORD,

C: for his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SECOND LESSON Romans 13:1-7

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God's

servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.



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

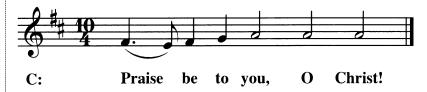
**STAND** 

GOSPEL Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by men, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, knowing their

evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, "Whose portrait is this? And whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

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



BE SEATED

#### **Glorious in Majesty**

Christian Worship #496



well, You

WERE MADE

IN THE IMAGE

OF GOD ...

THEN WHAT DOES GOD

GET?

RIGHT.

#### **SERMON**

SO CAESAR

GETS THE

BECAUSE HIS

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### Matthew 22:15-22 Celebrate Your Citizenship!

THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP PUT YOU UP TO THIS, DIDN'T THEY!

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

#### **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

# The Apostles' Creed developed in the Early Christian Church as a personal confession. It is so named because it confesses the faith taught by the Apostles.

#### **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 row and pass it along. Thank You!

#### **STAND**

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- **M:** Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.
- C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.
- **M:** You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.
- C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.
- M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.
- C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.
- M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.
- C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

- M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.
- C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

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.

**BE SEATED** 

#### **HYMN**

From All that Dwell below the Skies Koiné Arrangement

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise
Alleluia, alleluia
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue
Alleluia, alleluia
I know that my Redeemer lives
What comfort this sweet sentence gives
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

A hymn of glory let us sing New songs throughout the world shall ring Alleluia, alleluia Your praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and set no more Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Eternal are your mercies Lord Eternal is your glorious Word Alleluia, alleluia You are, while endless ages run, With Father and with Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

I know that my Redeemer lives What comfort this sweet sentence gives Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia Text: public domain (Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt; The Venerable Bede, 673-735, abr., tr. composite; Samuel Medley, 1738-99, abr.) Tune: public domain (Ausserlesene, Catholische, Geistliche Kirchengesang, Koln, 1623, alt.) M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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).

#### 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

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

#### God Bless Our Native Land Christian Worship #619



#### **POSTLUDE:**

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above Tune (AMSTERDAM): from Foundery Collection



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

#### THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

#### You are invited

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. We invite you to join us for a time of "meet and greet" after the service. Enjoy some coffee and cookies while you get to know those worshiping with you this morning.

#### Help with Tear-Down and Clean-Up

If you have extra time following the service and would like to help break down the worship area and put equipment away, it would be appreciated. The more hands we have helping, the faster it gets done. Please speak with Pastor Rieke or Jason Watson (the guy working the sound table) if you have guestions.

#### **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, July 2. 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.