Last Judgment Second Sunday of End Time



The Last Judgment
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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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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

Eternal God and Father, keep us mindful of the shortness and frailty of this present life. Give us hearts of wisdom that we may cling in faith to Jesus, our Savior, and use the time of our pilgrimage on earth to serve him with joyful hearts, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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 in End Times

The last season of the Church Year lifts the believer's eyes to the end. To the time when the gospel has been preached to all nations, and when our Lord Jesus Christ will come to take believers to be with him in heaven. It is a time we look forward to with great anticipation.

DIVINE SERVICE I

Christian Worship Supplement

WELCOME

HYMN

God, We Praise You Christian Worship #277



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Please stand

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. **Congregation: Amen.**

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.

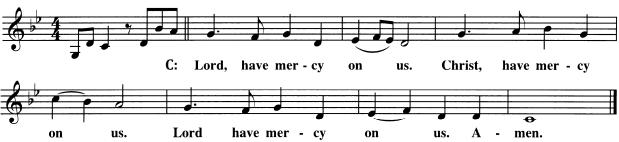
Kyrie—We sing our penitential confession to our Triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit, asking for his mercy. The name Kyrie is shortened from the Greek Kyrie Eleison, which means "Lord have mercy."

CONFESSION OF SINS

- M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- 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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



- 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

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

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





PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and to the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

The First Lesson is frequently a reading from the Old Testament. It shares a common theme with the Second Lesson (often from one of the epistles) and the Gospel.

FIRST LESSON Malachi 4:1-3

"Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire," says the LORD Almighty. "Not a root or a branch will be left to them. But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall. Then you will trample down the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I do these things," says the LORD Almighty. (NIV)

SECOND LESSON

For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now

Hebrews 9:24-28

he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him. (NIV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

Matthew 24:42

M: Alleluia. Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Alleluia.

Please stand

The congregation stands out of respect for the words of Christ our King. GOSPEL John 5:19-30

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these. For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him. "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. For as the Father

has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man. "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned. By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me. (NIV)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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.

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.

Please be seated

Great God, What Do I See and Hear

Christian Worship #208



SERMON

John 5:19-30 Honor God's Just Judge!

After the sermon, please join in singing the response below:





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

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH—LAST JUDGMENT

M: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord; O Lord, hear our voices.

C: Let your ears be attentive to our cries for mercy.

M: Heavenly Father, we confess with sorrow that we have sinned and deserve only your anger and punishment.

C: If you kept a record of our sins, we would surely be lost.

M: We confess with joy that your unfailing love has redeemed us.

C: Our hope is in you and in your full redemption.

M: Around us we see the birth pangs of the last days: war, famine, earthquakes, false prophets, spiritual apathy.

C: Use these signs to remind us that we do not know the day or hour when Christ will come again.

M: Keep us faithful to your Word; send your Spirit to strengthen our faith so that we are always prepared for your Son's return as judge.

C: Make us faithful in sharing your Word, and cause many more to put their hope in you before the end comes.

M: Build our fellowship of love as brothers and sisters in faith.

C: Help us support one another when trials and troubles come our way.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.



If you prefer, use your smart phone to give online by scanning this QR code.

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."

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

Silent prayer.

- M: Heavenly Father, we eagerly wait for Jesus to come again and make all things new. May he find us, whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life, faithfully enduring to the end, through the power of your Holy Spirit.
- C: Come, Lord Jesus. May your grace be with us. 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.

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.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who preserves his Church to the end of time when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

This ancient worship song is based on songs of praise recorded in Isaiah 6 and Psalm 118.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

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





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."

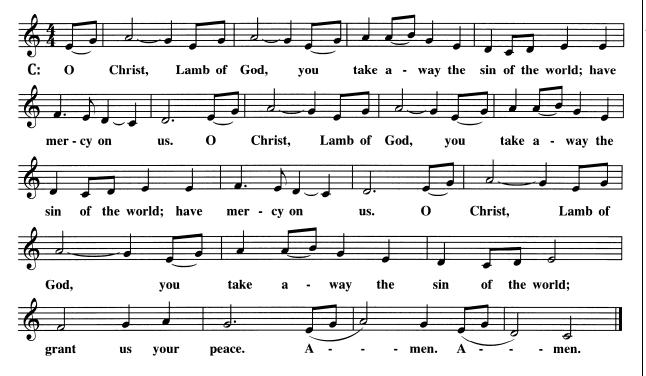
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

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



Jesus is the Lamb of God who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all. The words of this song are based on John 1:29, where John the Baptist refers to Jesus this way.

Please 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.

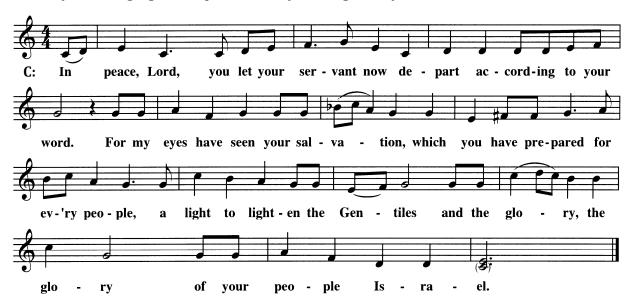
Please stand

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

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



- M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
- C: And his mercy endures forever.
- M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.
- 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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness

Christian Worship #376



- 5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies, E'en then this shall be all my plea: Jesus has lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly! Your boundless mercy has for me, For me and all your hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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

Service

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Grace-Vail Announcements and Upcoming Events

Read Ahead for Next Sunday:

Daniel 12:1-3 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Mark 13:24-27

You are invited

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. We invited 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 Take-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 questions.

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.

Vail Canvassing Blitz this Saturday

There is a canvassing blitz for Grace-Vail this Saturday, November 17, starting at 9:30 AM. This is a great way to share information about our site and also a way to share the love of Christ. We will be meeting here at Cottonwood Elementary School (9950 E. Rees Loop) at 9:30 AM this Saturday, November 17.



Thank You!

Thank you to all who volunteered their time and efforts at the Vail Country Fair yesterday. It was a wonderful event and it helped to get Grace-Vail's name out in the community.

Grace-University Announcements and Upcoming Events

Worship CD Copies at Grace-University

Worship CDs will no longer be made automatically, but by request. If you would like a copy of this morning's worship service, please ask the sound technician for one following the 10:00 AM service. It only takes a few minutes to copy and you're welcome to wait for it.

Christian Fellowship Group

The Christian Fellowship group will meet this Saturday, November 17 at noon at Cody's Beef 'n' Beans (2708 E Fort Lowell Rd) for a social lunch. The room is private, the food is great, and the fellowship is friendly. All are invited to join us. Please RSVP to Lauri Colton, 743-9246 by this Thursday, November 15. The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and older with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis.

Christmas for Kids at Both Grace Locations

Make plans to join us for our annual Christmas for Kids at Grace-Vail on Saturday, December 1 and at Grace-University Saturday, December 8. More information and registration forms will be available soon.



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Upcoming Thanksgiving Worship Services

You are invited to a special <u>Thanksgiving Eve</u> worship service on Wednesday, November 21 at 7:00 PM at Grace-University. This is a perfect opportunity to invite a friend or family member to attend. Following worship, there will be a dessert fellowship in the Fellowship Hall and courtyard. <u>Members are asked to bring a pie or dessert. There is a sign-up sheet located in the Fellowship Hall and on the welcome table at Grace-Vail.</u>

Grace-Vail will also be holding a special <u>Thanksgiving Day</u> service on Thursday, November 22 at 10:00 AM at Cottonwood Elementary (9950 E. Rees Loop). If you haven't been out to our second site, Thanksgiving morning might be the perfect opportunity to try it out and invite your friends and family members.

You will find business card sized invitations for our Thanksgiving services at the exits, in the Fellowship Hall, and on the Grace-Vail welcome table.



New Men's Group

The first meeting of GRACE IRON MEN is tomorrow night! Join other Grace men in the Fellowship Hall for GRIDIRON MONDAY: Monday Night Football and Pizza. \$5 to help with costs would be very much appreciated. GRACE IRON MEN will offer new opportunities for study, encouragement and fellowship for men 21 years of age and older throughout the year.

This Week at Grace (11/11/12 - 11/18/12)

TODAY

Grace—University

Grace—Vail

TODAY
Worship Services7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services
Children's Sunday School8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): Bible Study9:00a
Adult Bible Study:
• The Life of Christ: Jesus' Miracles (Fellowship Hall)9:00a
WELS TCM Bible Study: Crazy Things Luther Said7:00p
Monday
Grace Iron Men 6:00p
English as a Second Language Classes6:30p
Tuesday
Handbell Practice5:30p
English as a Second Language Classes6:30p
Wednesday
Midweek Bible Study: Church History10:00a
Wind Ensemble5:00p
Midweek Bible Study: Church History7:00p
Thursday
Women's Bible Study: Genesis9:00a
Worship Choir
Grow in Grace Class (Conference Room in Office)7:30p
Saturday
Christian Fellowship Group @ Cody's Beef/Beans12:00p
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Bible Study & Discussion
Monday Bible Study at Vail Golf Club: Book of Acts9:30a
Wednesday Bible Study at the Prigges: <i>Book of Hebrews</i> 7:00p
Thursday Financial Peace University at Cottonwood Elem7:00p
Saturday Vail Canvassing Blitz9:30a
Sunday Bible Study & Discussion

Installation Service

We rejoice with our sister church in Marana, Redeemer Lutheran, that God has provided them with a new full time pastor. Pastor Adam Mueller will be installed in a special worship service on Sunday, November 25 at 3:00 PM. Officiating at the service will be Pastor Aaron Mueller, AZ-CA District President Jon Buchholz and Vacancy Pastor John Sullivan. Please join with members of area congregations in welcoming Pastor Mueller and his family to Redeemer. A welcome dinner will be served in the Ministry Center immediately following the installation service.

Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund

Due to Superstorm Sandy, many WELS churches on the east coast are still without power. Christian Aid and Relief has volunteers driving their trailer with supplies and power generators that will help get the churches and parsonages up and running again.

If you would like to help support the efforts on the east coast, you can submit a gift online at www.wels.net/hurricanerelief or send a check to: WELS Re: Christian Aid and Relief hurricane fund, 2929 N Mayfair Rd, Milwaukee, WI 53222-4398. If you have a smart phone, the QR Code to the right will take you directly to the website where you can send a donation. There are also pamphlets in the Fellowship Hall with more information on these efforts and places where you can send blankets, quilts and winter outerwear.

