

# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



"All peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

-Genesis 12:3

Grace Lutheran Church  
September 8, 2013





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.

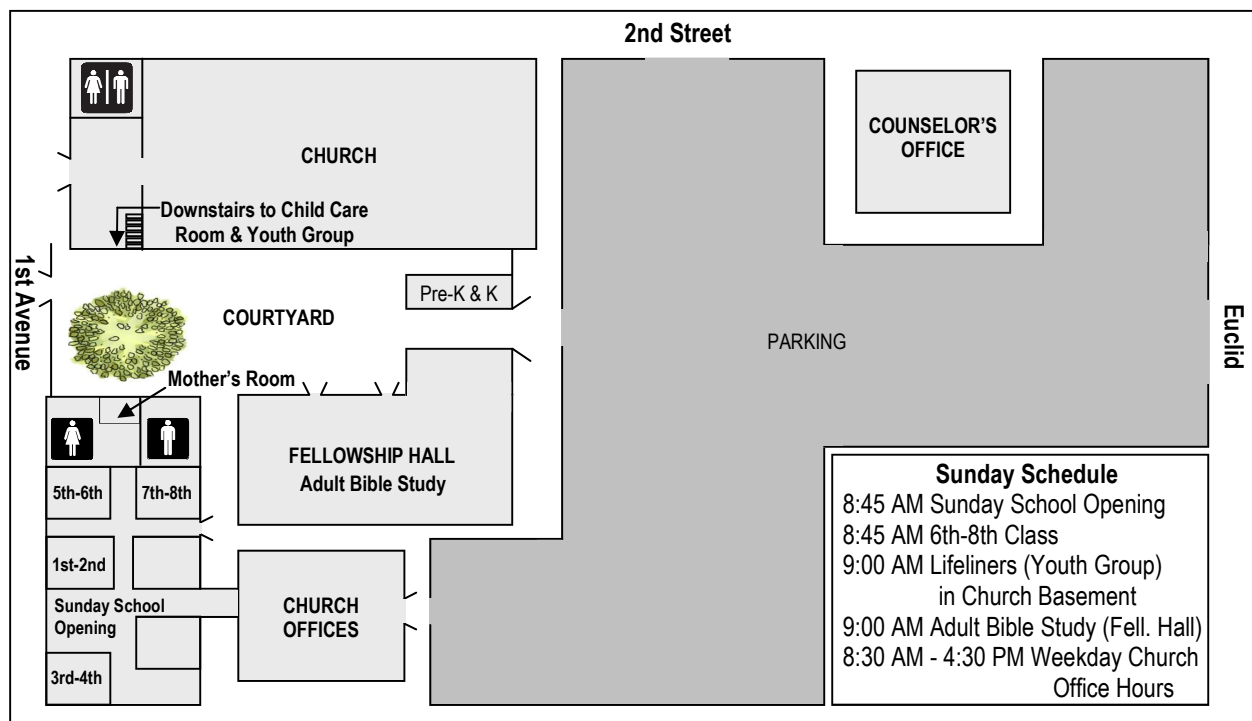
**Hymns** are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

**Large print** hymn sheets 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 entryway, sometimes that's all that's needed
- go down the stairs to the left in the 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. CDs of the entire worship service will be made upon request from the sound technician in the balcony. It only takes a few minutes to copy. You may also find sermons and services in print, audio and video on our website: [www.GraceTucsonWELS.com](http://www.GraceTucsonWELS.com)



## Christian Worship

*By Geoff Bullock*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Please be seated*

## 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

The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." So Abram left, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had

### Genesis 12:1-8 (NIV)

acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

## PSALM 19

### Refrain



## Psalm Tone



1. The heavens declare the glo- / ry of God;\* the skies proclaim the work / of his hands.
2. Their voice goes out into / all the earth,\* their words to the ends / of the world.

### Refrain

3. The law of the LORD is / perfect,\* giving joy / to the heart.
4. The commands of the LORD are / radiant,\* giving light / to the eyes.
5. They are more pre- / cious than gold;\* they are sweeter than / honey.
6. By them is your / servant taught;\* in keeping them there is / great reward.

### Refrain

7. May the words of my mouth and the meditation / of my heart\* be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Re- / deemer.
8. **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

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## SECOND LESSON

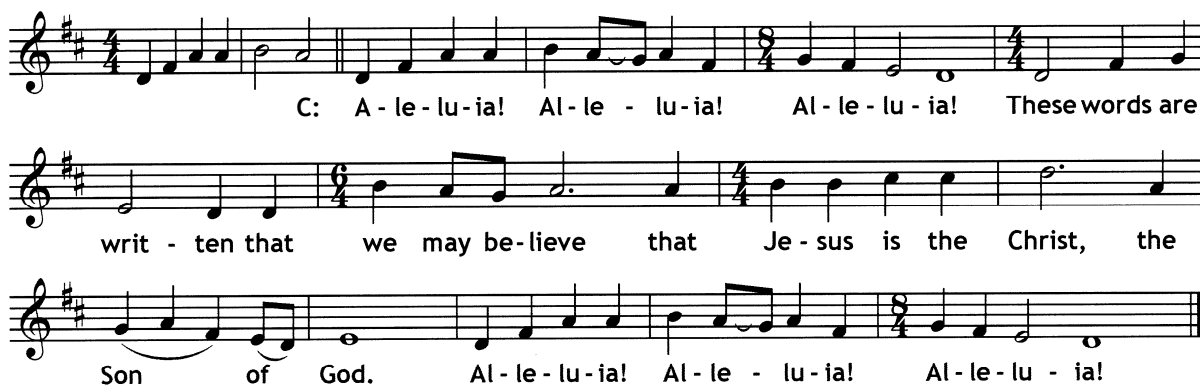
If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless. But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my

## Philippians 3:4b-11 (NIV)

Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

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

## VERSE OF THE DAY



C: A - 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, the  
Son of God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Please stand*

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


## GOSPEL

**Luke 14:25-33 (NIV)**

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—he cannot be my disciple. And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him,

saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Will he not first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple."

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



C: Praise — be to you, O Christ!

*Please be seated*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**Jesus Christ, My Pride and Glory**  
*Christian Worship #464*

*Please 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.

*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!*

*Please 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.

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



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

## OFFERTORY MUSIC:

*Jesus, I My Cross  
Have Taken  
Music by Wolfgang  
Mozart*

- 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.

*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.

*Please be seated*

### **HYMN**

**Lord Jesus Christ, You Set Us Free**  
*Christian Worship #123*

*Please stand*

**M:** O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.



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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

All Depends on Our Possessing  
Christian Worship #421

POSTLUDE:  
Psalm 19  
By Benedetto  
Marcello

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher ..... Pastor Nathan Kassulke  
Worship Leader ..... Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM)  
Accompanist ..... Elaine Goldie  
Ushers ..... Vic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)  
Mark Christianson, Jon Dongoske, Danny Koehler (10:00 AM)  
Taylor Parra, Dustin Pauley, Rick Street (10:00 AM)  
Sound & Recording Tech ..... Jay Pauley (10:00 AM)  
Altar Prep Team ..... Elaine Goldie, Karen Grorud, Gisela Kittel

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**Grace is one congregation  
at TWO places!**

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



## **This Week at Grace • Sept 8-Sept 15**

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

### **TODAY**

Worship Services ..... 7:45 & 10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship following both services .....  
Children's Sunday School ..... 8:45a  
Youth Confirmation Class ..... 8:45a  
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study* ..... 9:00a  
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):  
• *Jesus' Last Days* ..... 9:00a  
**Grace-Vail Bible Study Cottonwood Elem: *Exodus*** ..... 9:00a  
**Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem.** ..... 9:00a  
**Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary** ..... 10:00a  
WELS TCM Bible Study: *Celebrity Cult: Scientology* ..... 7:00p

### **Tuesday**

Handbell Choir Practice ..... 6:30p

### **Wednesday**

Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* ..... 10:00a  
Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* ..... 7:00p

### **Thursday**

Women's Bible Study: *The Narrow Lutheran Middle* ..... 9:00a

### **Thursday (continued)**

Worship Choir Kick-Off Dinner ..... 5:30p  
Worship Choir Rehearsal ..... 6:30p  
Grow in Grace Class (Office) Non-Members Only ..... 6:30p  
**Grace-Vail Grow in Grace Class at Barb Kiepke's** ..... 6:30p

### **Saturday**

Christian Fellowship Group at Grace-University ..... 10:00a

### **Sunday**

Worship Services/Communion ..... 7:45 & 10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship following both services .....  
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International Friends Reception at Grace-University .. 3:00p  
WELS TCM Bible Study: *My Plan or God's Plan?* ..... 7:00p

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## 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.

## Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Pat Messer in memory of Arlo Cook and in honor of Darrell Bossert and Bill Messer who celebrate September birthdays.

## You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship this morning in the courtyard following both services. Fellowship after 10:00 AM worship is hosted by Ron & Norma Stevens. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

## NEXT SUNDAY

### *Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week*

Hosea 3:1-5  
2 Corinthians 2:5-11  
Luke 15:1-10

***Sermon Text & Theme***  
Luke 15:1-10  
*Forgiveness & Rejoicing*

## Gospel Reading Plan Reaction

Did you hear about our Summer Gospel Reading Plan? Did you participate in it? No matter how you answer these questions, we'd like to get your answers! After the service, we invite everyone to take a minute to fill out a short survey. Use these surveys to share your thoughts on this Bible reading plan and to offer suggestions for future reading plans. The surveys can be found in the Fellowship Hall.

## Handbell Choir

The Grace Handbell Choir is starting back up this week! The first practice will be this Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30 PM in the Grace-University basement. If you are even a little bit curious about handbells come to the first practice and check it out (you are not required to join if you show up)! If you are interested in playing, please contact Jenna Denzler at 520-981-8054 or [sandchick9@comcast.net](mailto:sandchick9@comcast.net).

## Worship Choir

Our first Worship Choir rehearsal is coming up this Thursday, September 12. Choir kickoff activities begin that evening at 5:30 with dinner provided for the choir members and their families. Please RSVP to [Teriquen@msn.com](mailto:Teriquen@msn.com) or [music@gracetucsonwels.com](mailto:music@gracetucsonwels.com) to help in planning. The actual rehearsal begins at 6:30pm with a special guest and lots of fun!

## Upcoming Voters' Meeting

The next voters' meeting is Tuesday, September 17 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. There are two major items to be considered at the Voters' Meeting. First, the Church Council has recommended that Grace rent some classroom space for a children's music program. The voters will also narrow down a slate of candidates for the 2014 Church Council.

## Change for Life Program

The Christian Fellowship Group is sponsoring our congregation's participation in the *Change for Life* program to support the ministry of *New Beginnings—A Home for Mothers*. *New Beginnings* provides a place for single mothers and their children to live, learn childcare, and, most importantly, learn about God and the salvation he provides in Jesus. Next Sunday, September 15, there will be a table in the courtyard with the *Change for Life* baby bottles that you may pick up and fill with the change you accumulate on a daily basis. On October 27, return the filled bottle to church where the money will be collected and sent to support *New Beginnings*. Your donation will make a big difference in the lives of moms and children there!



## September Christian Fellowship Meeting

This Saturday, September 14 at 10:00 AM in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall, Jon Guenther will be coming back with Part II of *"My Early Childhood on the Apache Indian Reservation."* Come early to get a good seat and hear his concluding comments and see the visual aids he'll be using. Please bring a snack to share and questions for Jon. Also, there will be a brief business meeting that will focus on the "Change for Life" program Grace is participating in. The kickoff day for that program is the next day, Sunday, September 15. See you on both days! *The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and better with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis. They are hosting this special event and all ages are welcome to attend!*

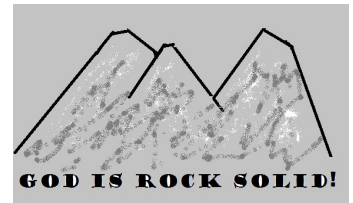


## ALA football in Tucson

The Arizona Lutheran Academy Coyotes football team travels to Santa Rita High School in Tucson on Friday, September 20. The game begins at 7:00 PM. The school is located at 3951 S. Pantano Road. You are invited to join with other southern Arizona ALA fans to cheer the team on! *ALA is our WELS Lutheran High School located in the Phoenix area.*

## LWMS Grand Canyon East Circuit Fall Rally!

Calling all Women of Grace! We have the privilege of hosting the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Grand Canyon East Circuit Fall Rally on **Saturday, October 5 at Grace-University**. How can you help? See the sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall at Grace-University and the Welcome Table at Grace-Vail for ways to serve. Speak to Sue Sargent, Cyndi Breikreitz or Diane Kramm to register.



## Calendars and Coupon Books Available

The Lifeliners (our high school youth group) are conducting their annual sale of Bible Verse Calendars (\$8 each or 2 for \$15) and Entertainment Coupon Books (\$30). The Lifeliners will be available in the Courtyard on Sunday mornings for you to make your purchases. Proceeds help fund Lifeliner activities, including the 2014 WELS International Youth Rally in Tennessee next summer.

## You Need Food, Right?

Everyone goes grocery shopping. You can purchase **Scrip** gift cards for Albertsons, Bashas/Food City/AJ's, Safeway, Sprouts, and WalMart for all your shopping needs! You're spending the money anyway, why not benefit our church, Arizona Lutheran Academy and our children by using Scrip? Stop by the Scrip table in the courtyard after early service, Bible Class, or late service to see a complete list and purchase your Scrip!