

# Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Grace Lutheran Church  
September 29, 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.

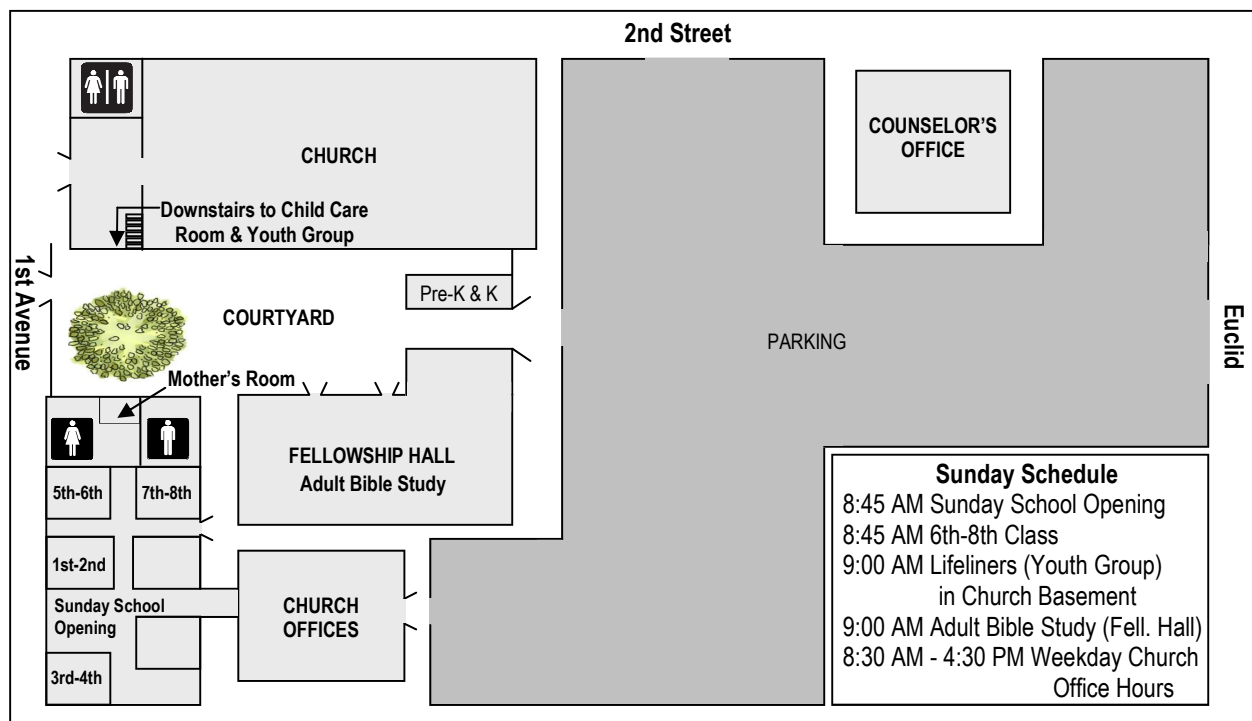
**Hymns** are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

**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)



# SERVICE OF THE WORD

Christian Worship

## WELCOME

## HYMN

O Holy Spirit, Enter In  
Christian Worship #184

Please stand

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.

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.

## OH, TASTE AND SEE



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith-ful-ness con -



tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

## PRESERVICE MUSIC:

10:00 AM—

O Lord We Praise  
Thee  
Kevin Hildebrandt,  
b. 1973

In response to God's mercy and forgiveness, Christians praise God and proclaim his goodness. This song is comprised of two Bible passages: Psalm 34:8 and Psalm 119:89.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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

If you see the poor oppressed in a district, and justice and rights denied, do not be surprised at such things; for one official is eyed by a higher one, and over them both are others higher still. The increase from the land is taken by all; the king himself profits from the fields. Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless. As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owner except to feast his eyes on them? The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but the abundance of a rich man permits him no sleep. I have seen a grievous evil under the sun: wealth hoarded to the harm of its owner, or wealth lost through some misfortune, so that when he has a son there is

### Ecclesiastes 5:8-20 (NIV)

nothing left for him. Naked a man comes from his mother's womb, and as he comes, so he departs. He takes nothing from his labor that he can carry in his hand. This too is a grievous evil: As a man comes, so he departs, and what does he gain, since he toils for the wind? All his days he eats in darkness, with great frustration, affliction and anger. Then I realized that it is good and proper for a man to eat and drink, and to find satisfaction in his toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given him—for this is his lot. Moreover, when God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work—this is a gift of God. He seldom reflects on the days of his life, because God keeps him occupied with gladness of heart.

## PSALM OF THE DAY (7:45 AM)

## Psalm 146

### Refrain



## Psalm Tone



1. Praise the LORD, / O my soul.\* I will sing praise to my God as long / as I live.
2. Do not put your trust in / princes,\* in mortal men, who / cannot save.
3. Blessed is he whose hope is in the / LORD his God,\* the maker of heav- / en and earth.

## Refrain

4. The LORD gives food to the / hungry,\* the LORD sets / prisoners free.
5. The LORD gives sight / to the blind,\* the LORD lifts up those who are / bowed down.
6. The LORD watches over the / outcast\* and sustains the fatherless and the / widow.
7. The LORD remains faithful for- / ever.\* He upholds the cause of / the oppressed.
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

## VOICES OF GRACE (10:00 AM)

## What Is the World to Me

*What is the world to me with all its vaunted pleasure;  
If I but Thee may own, Lord Jesus, for my treasure.  
Thou only, dearest Friend, my fount of joy shalt be;  
To Thee I look for rest—what is the world to me?*

*The world would fain be praised and honored by the mighty,  
But never ponders well how frail they are and flighty.  
What I shall glory in, is Jesus, only He,  
His praise alone I seek—what is the world to me?*

*The world is wont to crave the things that mammon offers,  
Yet never feels content though gold fills all its coffers.  
I know a higher Good; in Jesus I can see  
A sweet content in store—what is the world to me?*

## SECOND LESSON

## Revelation 2:8-11 (NIV)

To the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again. I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich! I know the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. Do not be afraid of what you are about to

suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death.

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See Hymn #477 in Christian Worship for a modern translation of these words.

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

## VERSE OF THE DAY

John 20:31

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 16:19-31 (NIV)

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’ But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad

things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’ He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father’s house, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’ ‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C: Praise — be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

## HYMN OF THE DAY

Forgive Us, Lord  
Christian Worship #482

## SERMON

Ecclesiastes 5:8-20  
The Secret to Money & Happiness

*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.

*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:

**10:00 AM—**

*We Fall Down with  
Praise God from  
Whom all Blessings  
Flow  
Carol Tornquist*

- 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.**

*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**

**All Depends on Our Possessing**  
*Christian Worship #421*

*Please stand*



C: A - men.

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.



**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 29-Oct 6

\*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: *Pizza and a Prophet: Ezekiel* .... 7:00p

### Monday

English as a Second Language Classes ..... 6:30p

### Tuesday

Precious Lambs at the Wiechmanns ..... 9:30-11:30a  
Handbell Choir Practice ..... 6:30p  
English as a Second Language Classes ..... 6:30p  
Boy & Girl Pioneers ..... 6:30p

### Wednesday

Grace Extension Meeting at Grace ..... 9:00a  
Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* ..... 10:00a  
Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* ..... 7:00p

### Wednesday (continued)

**Bible Study at the Prigge's: *King David*** ..... 7:00p

### Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *The Narrow Lutheran Middle* ..... 9:00a  
Grow in Grace Class (Office) Non-Members Only ..... 6:30p  
**Grace-Vail Grow in Grace Class at Barb Kiepke's** ..... 6:30p  
**NO** Worship Choir Practice .....

### Saturday

LWMS Fall Rally at Grace (8:00 Registration) ..... 9:00a-3:00p

### Sunday

Worship Services/Communion ..... 7:45 & 10:00a  
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**Canvassing 101 Following Worship at Grace-Vail** .....  
WELS TCM Bible Study: *Heaven and Hell* ..... 7:00p

Check out the GRACE WEBSITE at [www.GraceTucsonWELS.com](http://www.GraceTucsonWELS.com)!

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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.

## 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 Sandy Weir, Nani Witter, Jeanette O'Donald and Lisa Lenius. 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*

1 Chronicles 29:1-2, 10-18  
Romans 6:15-23  
Luke 17:1-10

### *Sermon Text & Theme*

Luke 17:1-10  
*A Christian Faith is Sensitive  
and Humble*

## Church Items Available

Our Trustee, Dave Breitreitz, has started the large task of cleaning out the church basement. Currently, there are old tables and a few other odds and ends available for the taking (first come first serve). These items are located down in the TCM Student Center. If you would like to go down and take a look please call Dave Breitreitz (298-9758) or the church office (623-6633).

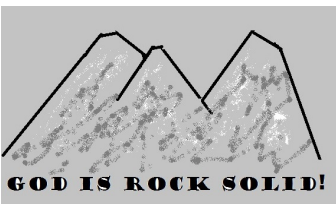
## NEW! Precious Lambs Playgroup

Children (ages birth to age 5) are invited to come play along with their parent or caregiver on **Tuesday, October 1** from **9:30-11:30AM**. We will meet at the Wiechmann's house (2361 W Ternero Place, 85741) for this informal play date. You do not need to RSVP and can come for any or all of the time. Precious Lambs will meet on most Tuesday mornings for play dates. If you have any questions, please contact Missy Wiechmann (403-1177) or Beth Kassulke (293-2935). (Precious Lambs will meet on October 8 at the Kassulke's house, 5980 N Edenbrook Ln, 85741.)

## LWMS Grand Canyon East Circuit Fall Rally This Saturday!

This Saturday, October 5, Grace is hosting the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Grand Canyon Circuit East's Fall Rally. All women of Grace are *encouraged* to attend. **Registration is \$10** and includes a catered lunch. **The rally registration and Mission Money donation deadline is due tomorrow,**

**September 30 to Diane Kramm.** The afternoon speaker will be Pastor Colin Rieke of Grace-Vail. PLEASE, take advantage of this convenient opportunity to learn more about our WELS Mission work and learn more about how WELS women support and encourages that work through the LWMS (Lutheran Womens' Missionary Society). Questions? Contact Cindi Breitreitz (298-9758), Sue Sargent (647-3049), Teri Guenther (235-1177), or Diane Kramm (440-8564).



## New Picture Directory

November 12-16 we will have photographers from *Lifetouch* at Grace-University to take pictures of our church members for our new church directory. You will soon be receiving a phone call from us regarding how to go about signing up for your portrait session. All participating families will receive a free directory and a free 8 X 10 color portrait. There will be a table set up in the Grace-University courtyard 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, and 11/10 for anyone who hasn't signed up online for a portrait session. If you sign up online ([www.gracetucsonwels.com/directory](http://www.gracetucsonwels.com/directory)) and provide an email address, you will receive a \$10 coupon off additional pictures. Information and additional coupons, which can be combined, will be available beginning October 20 at the table in the courtyard. Grace-Vail will receive informational brochures from Jen Watson beginning 10/20. Those at Grace-Vail who don't sign up online can call Marsha Hoffman to pick a day and time for your portrait session. If you have any questions or would like to help November 12-November 16, please call Marsha Hoffman at (520) 591-7516.



## ALA 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament



Arizona Lutheran Academy is hosting a 3 on 3 basketball tournament Saturday, October 26 from 10:00 AM– 4:00 PM. All ages are invited to participate. There are half-page registration forms and consent/waiver forms on the table under the televisions in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall and on the welcome table at Grace-Vail. If you have any questions about the tournament please contact Doug Meyer at [Meyer@ALAcoyotes.org](mailto:Meyer@ALAcoyotes.org). ALA is our WELS Lutheran High School located in the Phoenix area. Four members of Grace are students at ALA this year.

## Redeemer Homecoming

On Sunday, October 20 at noon, Redeemer Lutheran Church is having a Homecoming BBQ. There will be volleyball, horseshoes, jumping castle, dunk tank, homemade salsa contest, social time, and more. This event is for all ages, whether you're a Redeemer graduate or not. Dress casual, bring a lawn chair or canopy and come join the fun! Redeemer is located at 8845 N Silverbell Rd.

## Grace Polo Shirts & T-Shirts

We are excited to announce that polo shirts and t-shirts (new this year) with the Grace logo will be offered for sale at both Grace-University and Grace-Vail starting today. Youth, Ladies, and Men sizes will be available. Photos of the shirt styles and colors will be at both sites to help you make your selection. Prices: Poly/Cotton polo - \$14.50-\$19.50; Polyester Cool/Wicking polo \$24.00-\$26.50; T-shirts \$11.00-\$21.50. (Prices are slightly higher for XX and larger sizes.) Orders will be taken Sundays, 9/29, 10/6, 10/13 and 10/20. Payment should be made when shirts are ordered. If you have any questions see Sally Littau at Grace-University and Reinet Van den Berg at Grace-Vail.

## Change for Life Program

Our old Adam (sinful nature) "invites" us to ask: "Why should I help some needy person—especially someone I don't even know?" As redeemed believers we discard such an invitation with a response like this: "My Savior loved and gave himself for me so I can FREELY serve him and my neighbor in need!" St. Paul teaches that lesson when he urges: "Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap (from what we sow); if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone—especially to those who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:9-10).



Pray God to help us keep Paul's urging in mind as we continue filling our *New Beginnings* baby bottle banks!

—Russ Weir, Christian Fellowship Presidents