

First Sunday after Pentecost TRINITY SUNDAY



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
May 26, 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.

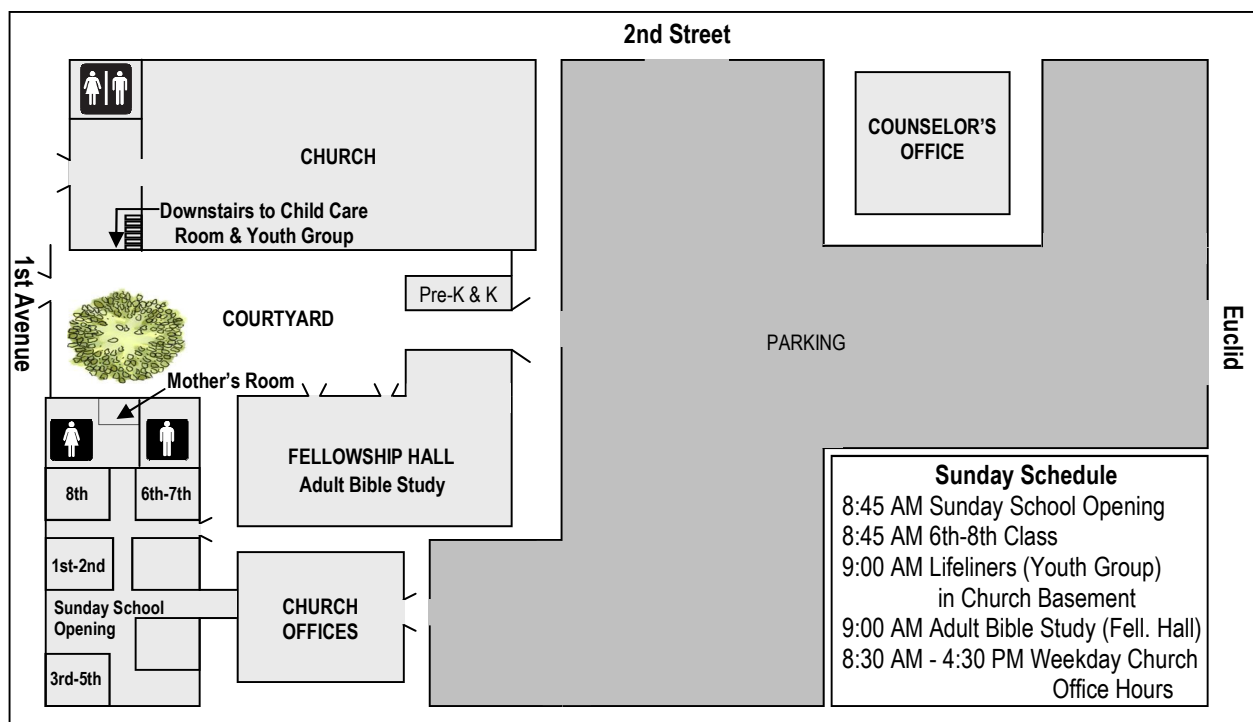
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



The Holy Trinity

In the western Christian Church, the first Sunday after Pentecost is celebrated as Trinity Sunday. This festival honors the Holy Trinity - God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Although the word "trinity" does not appear in Scripture, the doctrine that God is Triune (Three-In-One) is evident and appears in many passages of Scripture such as Matthew 28:18-20 and 2 Corinthians 13:14. The concept of One God who has revealed himself in Three Persons can never be completely understood or rationalized, but it is clearly taught in Scripture.

On Trinity Sunday, the Christian Church ponders with joy and thanksgiving what the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have done to accomplish the salvation of sinful humanity. We remember the Father as our Creator, the Son as our Redeemer and the Holy Spirit as our Sanctifier.

Scriptural doctrines are understood and believed by faith which comes through the work of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, it is appropriate that the mystery of the Trinity is celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost, when the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Jesus' disciples first occurred.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

(7:45 AM)

Holy, Holy, Holy
Arranged by Victor Labenske

Order of Worship for Trinity Sunday

VOICES OF GRACE (10:00 AM)

Holy and Mighty

Holy, holy, holy and mighty. . . is our God!

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty. Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, who was and is and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty. Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity. Holy, holy, holy. . .

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WELCOME

HYMN

Come, Now, Almighty King
Christian Worship #193

STAND

CONFESSION OF SINS

MINISTER: Our Triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—has created us, redeemed us and sanctified us. In spite of this great love, we continue to sin against our merciful and holy God. Let us join in confessing our sins and unworthiness before the Righteous Lord and seek his forgiveness.

CONGREGATION: Dear Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I confess that I have sinned against you many times and in many ways. I have gone against your holy will by what I have said and done. I have left undone the things that are pleasing to you. I am truly sorry for all my sins. I put my faith in you, dearest Savior, and so I ask you to have mercy on me and forgive me.

M: God has indeed had mercy upon us all through our Lord Jesus Christ and his atoning work. 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: **Praise be to God! Amen!**

Sing: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ: in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

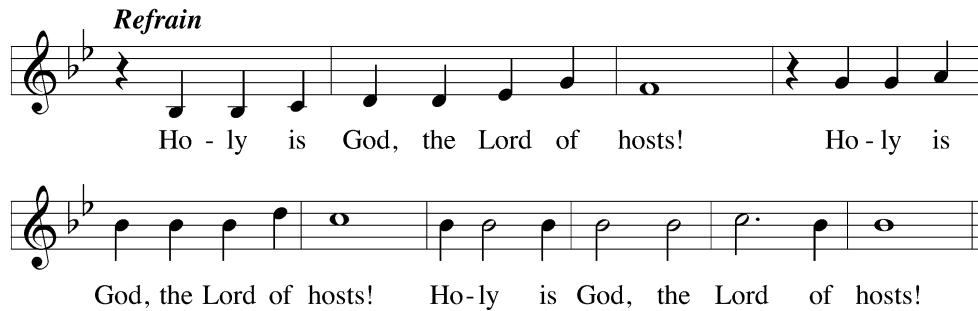
C: **Amen.**

BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON

Numbers 6:22-27 (NIV)

The LORD said to Moses, “Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: “The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.”’ So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”



Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Refrain

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,

praise him with tambourine and dancing,
praise him with strings and flute,

praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.
Praise the LORD.

**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.**

Refrain

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SECOND LESSON

1 John 5:5-12 (NIV)

Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. We accept man's testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart. Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

THE VERSE OF THE DAY

Isaiah 6:3b (NIV)

M: Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. Alleluia.

STAND

THE GOSPEL

John 16:12-15

"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you."

BE SEATED

HYMN

Holy God We Praise Your Name

Christian Worship #278

SERMON

John 16:12-15

A Day Dedicated to a Doctrine

CONFESSION OF FAITH—Athanasian Creed

The Athanasian Creed is a Christian statement of beliefs that has served the Church for over 1500 years. It leads us to confess with absolute certainty that we have a Triune God—that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are three distinct persons, yet only one God!

The Congregation is asked to read the indented lines; the Pastor will read the others.

Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.

Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.

Now this is the true Christian faith:

We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God,
without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.

For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct,
but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one,
equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.

What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.
The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;
the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;
yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal,
just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite,
but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.
In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, and the Holy Spirit is almighty;
yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.
So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
yet they are not three Gods, but one God.
So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.
For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord,
so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.
The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.
The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.
The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.
So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior,
but all three persons are coequal and coeternal,
so that in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshiped as one God and one God worshiped as three persons.
Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.

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 include your name and information in the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the pew and pass it along. Thank you!

OFFERING MUSIC

(7:45 AM)

Triune God, Oh, Be Our Stay
Christian Worship #192

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

M: Triune God, you are the one eternal God, whose name we praise forever. We could not have known you, our only Savior, if you had not revealed yourself to us as Father, Son and Spirit—three persons, yet one God. Remove from us all unbelief, and grant us humble faith as we contemplate this high and holy mystery.

God our Father, whatever good is in us and whatever good we do, comes from you alone. In you we live and move and have our being. Open our eyes to see the gifts you shower down upon us daily—purely out of your own fatherly love and care.

Lord Jesus our Savior, you came into the world to make the Father known to us; you joined yourself to us by taking on our humanity; you brought us back to God by shedding your blood. You bore the punishment for sin that we deserved and you did not. In the bright new hope of your resurrection, teach us to offer our lives each day in praise to God and in love to others.

Creator Spirit, you have opened our eyes by the bright light of your Word; you have breathed into us new life by the power of the gospel. Through Word and Sacrament, help us grow in our understanding of how high and wide and deep is the love of our God. Make us determined to battle our sin. In weakness be our strength, that we may show ourselves as God's true children: faithful in prayer, constant in hope, and abounding in love.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

O Holy Trinity, you are the God of glory, the God of grace, the God of every comfort. From you and through you and to you are all things. We rejoice to call you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and live to praise your holy name forever. 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.

HYMN

We All Believe in One True God

Christian Worship #270

STAND

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

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.

BE SEATED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

Glory Be to God the Father

Christian Worship #239

POSTLUDE

(7:45 AM)

Doxology

Arr. by Victor Labenske

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher Pastor Sam Clemons **Worship Leader** Pastor Ron Koehler (10:00 AM)
Accompanists..... Kathy Parra (7:45 AM), Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Voices of Grace Director Beth Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Piano Accompanist Elaine Goldie (10:00 AM),
Percussion Diane Kramm, Taylor Parra (10:00 AM)
Ushers Vic Thornton (7:45 AM), Dave Breitzkreitz, Ed Ethington, Dylan Guenther (10:00 AM)
Tyler Koehler, Ferdie Kramm, Josiah Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech Amy Breiling (10:00 AM)
Altar Prep Team Elaine Goldie, Karen Grorud, Gisela Kittel



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

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



This Week at Grace • May 26-June 2

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

TODAY TRINITY

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):
• *The Life of Christ: Prayers of Jesus* 9:00a
Grace-Vail Bible Study Cottonwood Elementary 9:00a
Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem. 9:00a
Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary 10:00a

Monday

Bible Study at Vail Golf Club: *Book of Acts* 9:30a

Wednesday

Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* 10:00a
Bible Study at the Prigge's: *Life of David* 7:00p
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Summer Worship Series

Our summer worship series "*Jesus is Asking*" begins on June 9. We will take a look at questions Jesus asked others and consider our response to the Savior. The 12-week series will be followed at both Grace-University and Grace-Vail. The same text will be used at both sites each week but the sermons will be slightly different because different pastors will be preaching! You may read or listen to both on the Grace website throughout the summer.



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 Bill & Lisa Toben in memory of Bill's mom, Minnie Toben.

You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship this morning in the courtyard following both services. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

New Member

Paul Bartley will become a member of Grace through Profession of Faith this morning at Grace-Vail during their 10:00 AM worship service. We welcome him to Grace and ask God's blessings on him!

Graduation Open Houses

You are invited to two Open Houses TODAY! The first is for Katelyn Lipke who graduated from Pusch Ridge Christian Academy. Her open house is from 1:00 PM-5:00 PM at 7531 N. Rasmussen Ave, 85741. If you have any questions please call Craig or Laura Lipke at 742-0211.

You're also invited to the Koehlers—2664 W. Lazybrook Dr, 85741, from 3:00-9:00 PM to celebrate the Arizona Lutheran Academy graduation of Ariana Weinstein and Tyler Koehler. We hope you can share in the celebration at both open houses!

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Joshua 5:13-6:5, 20
James 1:2-12
Luke 7:1-10

Sermon Text & Theme

Luke 7:1-10
Unlikely and Uncommon Faith

Vacation Bible School at Grace-University is Almost Here!

Pack your bags and join us for a sightseeing trip across the country at our "Road Trip: Route 3:16" Vacation Bible School! At each stop along the way, we'll learn more about God's love for us. Each day devotions, songs, and crafts reinforce the lessons from the Bible. So, gather up your children, nieces, nephews and friends in the neighborhood and bring them to Grace (University Site) for road-trip fun! **VBS is June 3-7, 2013, 9:00-11:30 AM.**



Church Picnic

Please plan to join us at Grace-University on Sunday, June 9 after the 10:00 AM worship service for our annual Church Picnic. The June 9 worship service will also serve as our VBS closing service. Members of Grace are asked to bring a side dish and a dessert to share. Grace will provide grilled hot dogs and hamburgers. Volunteer help is also needed.

We are encouraging members of Grace who attend worship at Grace-Vail on June 9 (also at 10:00), to help take down and clean up after the service, and then to join us for food and fellowship at the Picnic. Even if you normally attend at Grace-University, perhaps you'd like to visit our second site and help with this process!

Thank You Canvassers

Another season of canvassing has come to a close at Grace-Vail. I want to thank everyone who was able to make it out to join us this last year. We had over 30 different people come and help. We will be taking a break from canvassing over the hot summer months, and will be continuing in the fall. Look for more information later this summer about joining us.

—**Pastor Colin Rieke**, Grace's Mission Pastor to Vail

Christian Fellowship Group—Movie Event

Saturday, June 8 at 9:30 AM in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall, the Christian Fellowship Group will meet to watch the movie "Matthew." Matthew is the first of the four Gospel accounts. This DVD is the prequel to the "Road to Emmaus" DVD made by the same company. The actor (Bruce Marchiano) who portrayed Jesus in "Road to Emmaus" also plays Jesus in "Matthew." This event is sponsored by the Christian Fellowship Group. "Matthew" Part 1 is about 2 1/3 hours long and will begin promptly at 9:30 AM. A tasty snack will be provided so no need to bring anything this time. This is a great outreach opportunity so please invite your unchurched friends and family members! *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!*

Christian Education Funding Progress

Thank you again to all who completed the recent Christian Education Survey. It was helpful to hear your thoughts as we attempt to manage well the resources God has given to us, while somehow assisting our children with their Christian education. Education Elder DJ Miller and Pastor Kassulke are forming a committee which will bring a recommendation to the Church Council by June 22. Information and a proposal regarding tuition assistance for our children will be brought to the voters at a special Voters' Meeting on Tuesday, June 25 at 7:00 PM. That meeting will be held at Grace-University in the fellowship hall.

Former Tucson Vicar Assigned

Seth Scheuerlein, who served his vicar year at Redeemer here in Tucson, graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and on Call Day (May 23) was assigned to serve as Instructor and Dormitory Supervisor at Nebraska Lutheran High School in Waco, Nebraska. We ask for the Lord's blessings on Seth and all of the graduates of our seminary who will go out to serve the Lord in churches, schools and missions across the country and around the world.

Planning a Vacation or an Extended Time away from Tucson this Summer? Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

Just as you rely on receiving income on a regular basis, our congregation relies on your regular offerings. We appreciate our members' efforts to make consistent donations throughout the year – especially during the summer travel periods. To assist you, Grace Lutheran Church wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to keep up on your intended offerings.

Online offerings through Simply Giving allows you to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account. You may also make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.

Please visit www.gracetucsonwels.com at any time and click on the "Online Giving" button to set up an automatic offering plan, change your offering plan, make a one-time offering or view your online offering history. You can also access the online giving page by using your smart phone to scan the image you see to the right.

If you prefer, you may also enroll in online giving by completing an authorization form available in the church entryway, office and fellowship hall. Alternatively, you might also consider using your bank's online bill pay services to schedule your regular offerings.

