

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



... Stand Up for the Truth?

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

August 24, 2014





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-Tucson! 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.

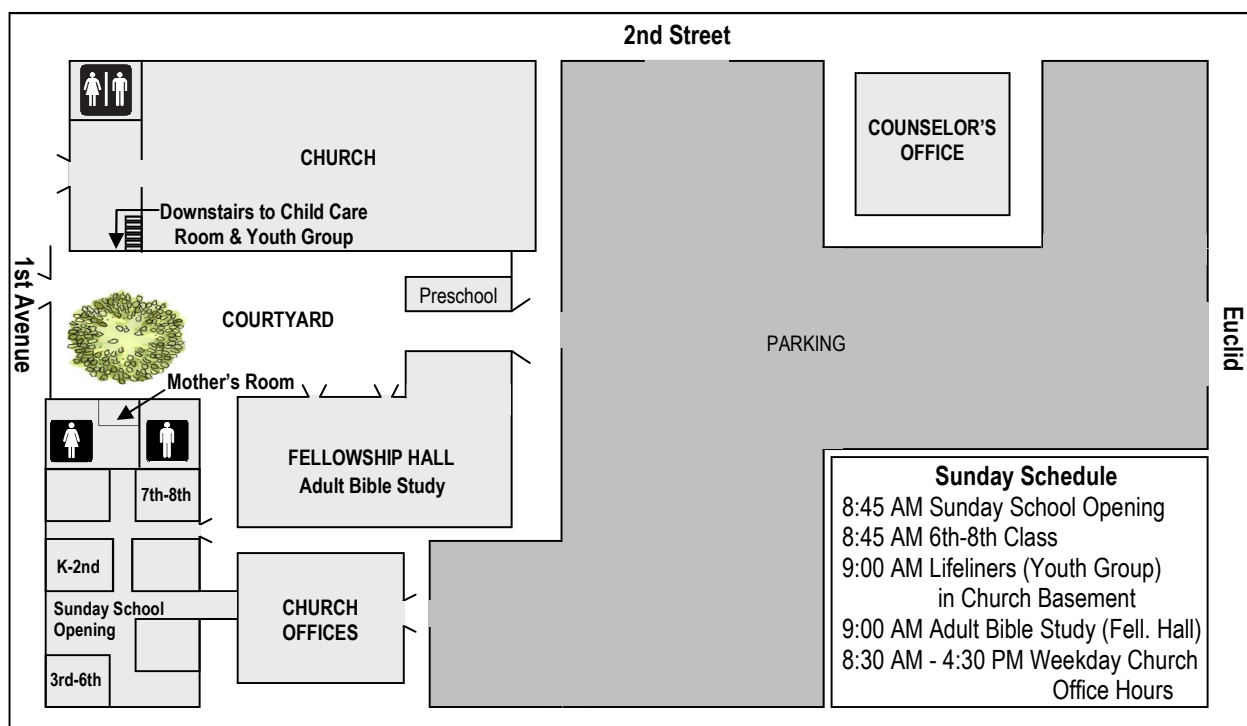
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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.GraceLutheranSAZ.org



SERVICE OF THE WORD

Christian Worship

WELCOME

HYMN

God Is Here! As We His People
Christian Worship #532

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:

7:45 AM—

How Firm A
Foundation
Arr. by Cindy Berry

"How firm a
foundation, ye
saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith
in His excellent
Word!"

10:00 AM—

Lord Keep Us
Steadfast in Your
Word
Setting by G.
Winston Cassler

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.

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.

Gracious Father, keep your family, the Church, always faithful to you, that we may lean on the hope of your promises and be strong in the power of your love; 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

“I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, ‘I had a dream! I had a dream!’ How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their fathers forgot my name through Baal worship. Let the prophet who has a dream tell his dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?” declares the LORD. “Is not my word like fire,” declares the LORD, “and like a hammer

Jeremiah 23:25-32 (NIV)

that breaks a rock in pieces? Therefore,” declares the LORD, “I am against the prophets who steal from one another words supposedly from me. Yes,” declares the LORD, “I am against the prophets who wag their own tongues and yet declare, ‘The LORD declares.’” Indeed, I am against those who prophesy false dreams,” declares the LORD. “They tell them and lead my people astray with their reckless lies, yet I did not send or appoint them. They do not benefit these people in the least,” declares 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

SECOND LESSON

Romans 16:17-19 (NIV)

I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By

smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people. Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I am full of joy over you; but I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil.

VERSE OF THE DAY



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

Please stand

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

GOSPEL

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. Do not take along any gold or silver or copper in your belts; take no bag for the journey, or extra tunic, or sandals or a staff; for the worker is worth his keep. Whatever town or village you enter, search for some worthy person there and stay at his house until you leave. As you enter the home, give it your greeting. If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you

Matthew 10:5-20 (NIV)

or listen to your words, shake the dust off your feet when you leave that home or town. I tell you the truth, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. Be on your guard against men; they will hand you over to the local councils and flog you in their synagogues. On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise — be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word
Christian Worship #203

SERMON

Romans 16:17-19
Did God Really Say: Stand Up for the Truth?

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:

7:45 AM—
God's Word Is Our Great Heritage
Arr. by Valerie Floeter

10:00 AM—
How Firm a Foundation
Arr. by Victor Labenske

- 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.

Please be seated

HYMN

The Church's One Foundation
Christian Worship #538

Please stand

PRAYER

- 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.

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.

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.



Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage
Christian Worship #293

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher Pastor Ron Koehler
Worship Leader Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Accompanists..... Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM)
Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Ushers Vic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)
Mark Christianson, Jon Dongoske, Jake Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Danny Koehler, Dustin Pauley, Rick Street (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)

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POSTLUDE:

7:45 AM—
*Lord, Speak to Us
that We May Speak*
Arr. by Valerie
Floeter

*"Oh, teach me,
Lord, that I may
teach
The precious things
Thou dost impart;
And wing my words,
that they may reach
The hidden depths
of many a heart."*

10:00 AM—
*Trumpet Tune with
The Church's One
Foundation*
Settings by Nancy
Raabe, Hymn Tune
by Samuel S. Wesley

Women of Grace Meeting TODAY!

The Women of Grace are asked to meet for a few minutes after the 10:00 AM service today to touch base and make some quick decisions on upcoming activities and the Annual Roast Beef dinner. Grab some coffee and a snack, then join us in the front pews of church!

Called Home to Heaven

Grace member Paul Borchardt was called home to heaven on Sunday, August 10. His memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, August 30 at 11:00 AM at Grace-Tucson. Memorials may be directed to the Grace Christian Education Fund or the Grace Outreach Fund.



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

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



This Week at Grace • Aug 24-Aug 31

*Unless otherwise noted, calendar events take place at Grace-Tucson. 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):
 • *The Life of Christ: Jesus' Last Days* 9:00a
 • **NO** *Grow in Grace Class* 9:00a
Grace-Vail Bible Study at Esmond Station 9:00a
Grace-Vail Sunday School at Esmond Station 9:00a
Grace-Vail Worship at Esmond Station 10:00a
 WELS TCM Welcome Back Party! 6:00p

Monday

Bible Study at Vail Golf Club 9:00a

Tuesday

Precious Lambs at the Lane's 9:30-11:30a

Thursday

NO Women's Bible Study

Saturday

Paul Borchardt Memorial Service at Grace 11:00a

Sunday

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):
 • *WELS Worship Conference Presentation* 9:00a
 • *Grow in Grace Class (Office) Non-Members Only* 9:00a
Grace-Vail Bible Study at Esmond Station 9:00a
Grace-Vail Sunday School at Esmond Station 9:00a
Grace-Vail Worship at Esmond Station 10:00a

Check out the GRACE WEBSITE at www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org!

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Thank You

Beth Pauley would like to thank you for your thoughts, prayers, cards and well-wishes during her recent cancer treatment. A special thank you to all those who brought meals and assisted with rides for Beth to and from treatment.

Welcome Grace Guests!

If you are a guest at Grace today, we are very happy to have you worship with us! If you would like more information about Grace or have questions about becoming a member of our congregation, please visit the Welcome Table in the courtyard. If this is your first time at Grace, please stop there to pick up a gift just for being our guest this morning.

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Terry Kosanke in celebration of her birthday and in memory of her parents, Wil & Kay Graham.

You Are Invited

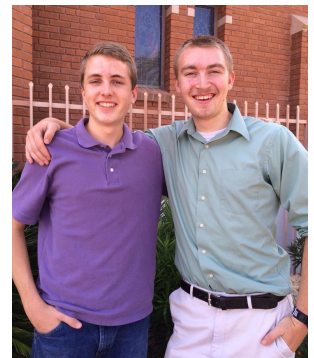
You are invited to a coffee fellowship this morning in the courtyard following both services. Fellowship after 10:00 AM worship is hosted by the Weir and Rentschler families. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Baptism

MacKenzie Summer Ann Pigeon, daughter of Jason and Erin Pigeon, born on August 7, will be made a forgiven child of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in worship this morning at Grace-Vail.

Welcome, College Students!

We realize that many college students are returning to school at the University of Arizona or arriving to attend for the first time. We are happy to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you better. While school is in session, our WELS Tucson Campus Ministry (TCM) offers weekly Sunday evening Bible studies, which are geared specifically toward college students and college aged non-students. The first meeting of WELS TCM for the upcoming year is our Welcome Back Party this evening at 6:00 PM. If you would like to know more, please speak to one of the pastors or introduce yourself to one of our Student Assistants, Carl Buchholz and Dylan Guenther. A schedule of our activities for this semester is available in either entryway.



Dylan Guenther & Carl Buchholz

Parking Permits

Our WELS Tucson Campus Ministry offers parking permits for the church parking lot to college students who are actively involved in worship and/or Bible study here. Find more information and apply for a parking permit at www.WELSTCM.com. Members of Grace are asked to please let us know in the Church Office if you will be parking in the lot for non-church activities. Parking permits for non-students are also available to active members through the Church Office. Please drive carefully in the church parking lot, avoid turning your wheels unless the car is moving forward or backwards (turning them in place is hard on our new asphalt), and park away from the church buildings so that the closer spots and the parking lot entrance are open for church activities.

Silent Auction FOR Financial Aid

"Friends of Redeemer," an organization committed to the promotion and support of Christian Education, is holding their first annual silent auction on September 27 from 5-7 PM at Redeemer Lutheran Church. This event is to raise funds for Financial Aid and to enjoy Christian Fellowship with friends. We are seeking donations of all types to be auctioned off. You can donate items, services, events and experiences. Please see our website for a list of ideas: www.FriendsofRedeemer.com. Contact Ben Weinstein to donate 331-8714. Donation deadline is September 22.

The Zoo is Coming to Grace!

Have you ever planted a zoological garden? Probably not, because that's a place where a collection of wild animals is kept for public showing. Part of such a garden is coming to the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall on Saturday, September 13 at 10:00 AM. Two small animal handlers/educators from Reid Park Zoo will be here for a "hands on" presentation. Snacks will be provided. Kids of all ages are welcome. That includes adults as well! This event is co-sponsored by the Christian Fellowship Group and Grace's Pioneer Program. Don't miss out on this notable event!



—*Russ Weir, Christian Fellowship Group President*

WELS Online Bible Study – Jonah

On Wednesday evenings during September, join us at Eric and Julie Prigge's house (5391 S. Black Falls Dr, 85747) as we participate in the WELS Interactive Faith Bible Study on Jonah. The study will be led by Pastor Michael Quandt. There will also be time for discussion as we ponder "God's Grace to Runaways." The live streaming will begin promptly at 6 PM, so feel free to come a little bit early to settle in. If you are unable to make it to a class, log in with other Christians at: <http://www.wels.net/interactivefaith>.

Wednesday Bible Studies

Join us on Wednesdays in September (at 10:00 AM or 7:00 PM) for video based Bible studies regarding creation and modern science. We'll meet in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall.

Worship Choir

Mark your calendars for the return of Worship Choir beginning Thursday, September 4 at 6:30 PM in the Grace-Tucson basement. All are welcome to join!

LWMS 2014 Fall Retreat!

The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Grand Canyon Circuits East & West will be having a combined 2014 Fall Retreat October 17-19 at COD Ranch in Oracle, AZ (www.codranch.com).

More information and registration forms are available online at www.grandcanyonlwms.org or from Diane Kramm or Cindi Breitreitz. The registration deadline and payment is due by September 29 and needs to be mailed in by each registrant. **We have the opportunity to choose our room configuration and roommate preferences if we register early enough!** If you have questions please contact Diane Kramm (440-8564).



Friday, September 5— Big Night for the ALA Coyote Family!

You are invited to a very special evening at Arizona Lutheran Academy (6036 S. 27th Ave, Phoenix, 85041) on Friday, September 5. Join us as we thank the NFL Foundation, represented by Arizona Cardinals and Walmart executives, and as we open the season on our new field!

Events for the evening include

- **AZ Bounce Pro Ribbon Cutting Carnival**, 6:00 PM until the start of the third quarter. Wristbands for this event will be available for purchase at the gate.
- **Youth Coyote Football Night** – There will be free admission to the game for all elementary aged students (up to age 14). Boys in 7th-8th grade are invited to the locker room for the pregame pep talk. There will be door prize drawings and give-aways for kids.
- **NFL Foundation Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**, 6:40 PM.
- **Varsity football game vs. Valley Christian**, 7:00 PM. ALA's very own Pep Band will introduce four new songs that have been added to its repertoire! General admission for the football game