

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
September 7, 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.

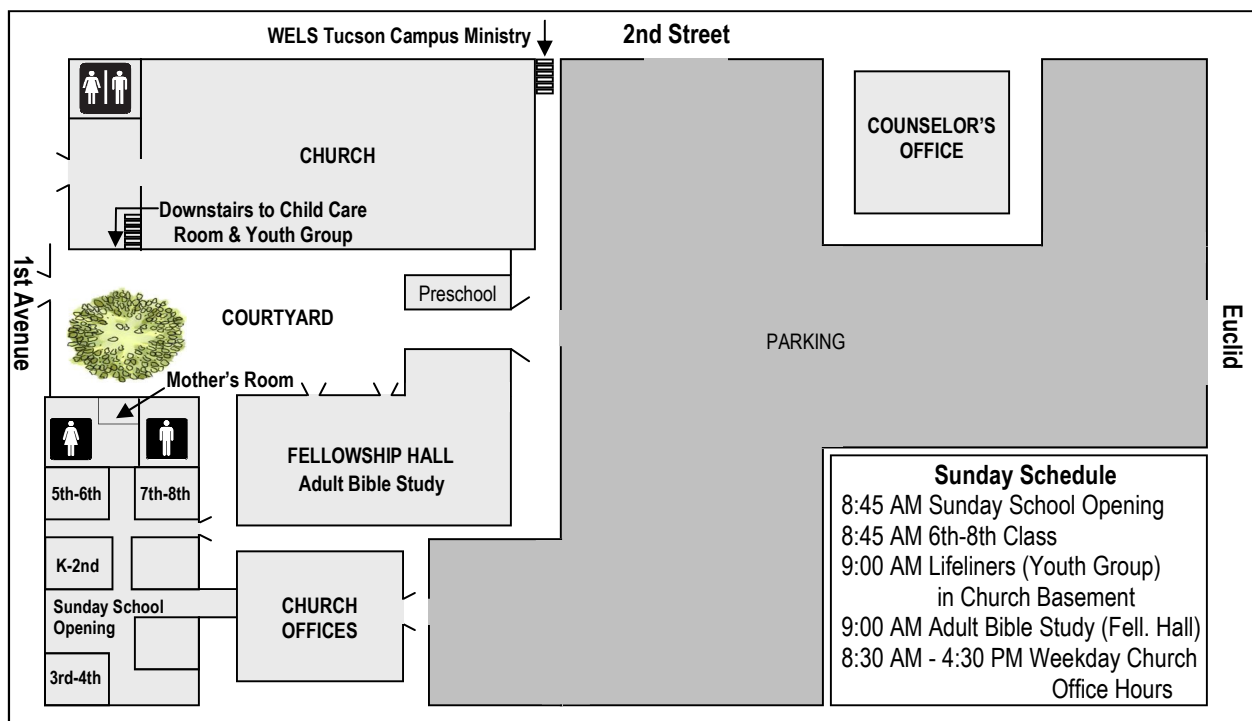
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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 WORD AND SACRAMENT

Christian Worship

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

10:00 AM—

Faith

By Jim Brickman

WELCOME

Please stand

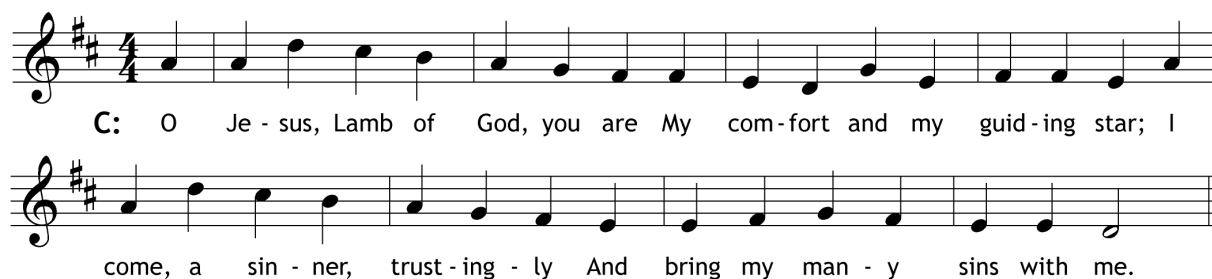
Minister: The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

This musical setting of the Confession of Sins was arranged by the WELS musical group Branches Band. It incorporates Hymn 27 from Christian Worship and several Bible passages as noted below.



C: O Je - sus, Lamb of God, you are My com-fort and my guid-ing star; I
come, a sin - ner, trust-ing - ly And bring my man - y sins with me.

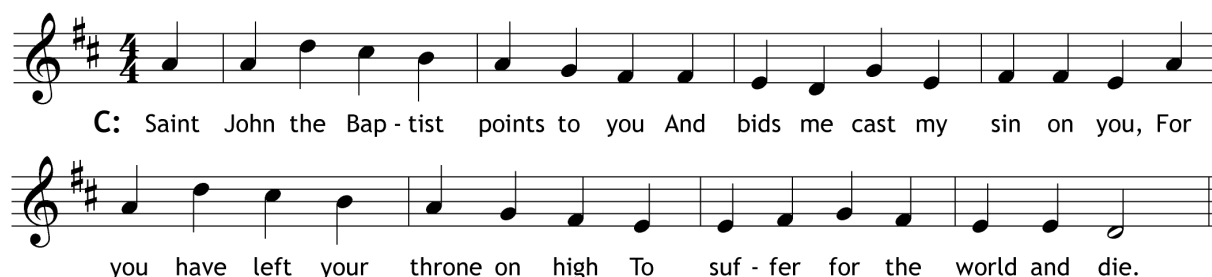
C: O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath. My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear. I am bowed down and brought very low; I groan in anguish of heart. I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin. O Lord, do not forsake me; be not far from me. Come quickly to help me, O Lord my Savior.

Selected verses from Psalm 38.



C: O Lord, my sin in - deed is great; I groan be - neath the dread-ful weight. Be
mer - ci - ful to me I pray; take guilt and pun - ish - ment a - way.

Silent Confession



C: Saint John the Bap - tist points to you And bids me cast my sin on you, For
you have left your throne on high To suf - fer for the world and die.

Ephesians 2:4-5 &
1:7

M: Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. In Jesus you have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.

Romans 6:13-14

C: We have been brought from death to life. Sin shall not be our master, because we are not under law, but under grace.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

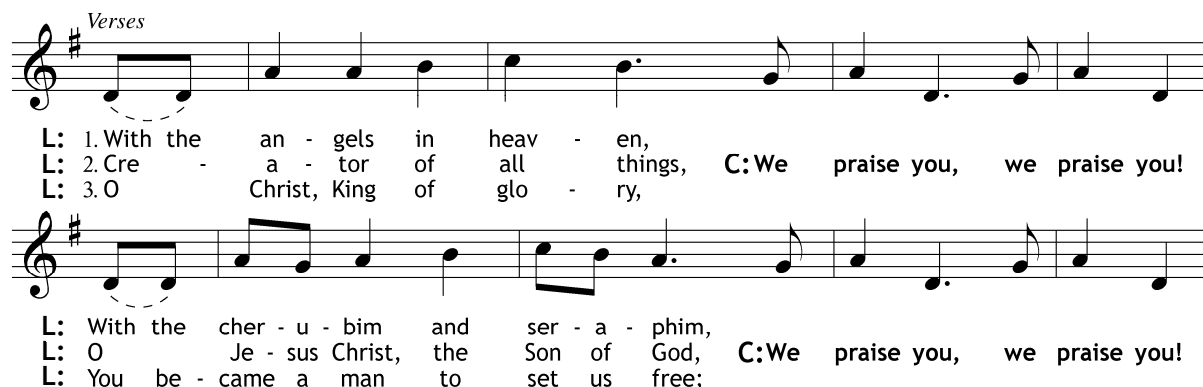
C: Amen.

YOU ARE GOD, WE PRAISE YOU

Te Deum

Leader: *Refrain*

Congregation: *Refrain*





L: With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,
 L: O Spir - it, most ho - ly,
 L: You have ris - en to free us;
 C: We praise you, we praise you!



L: With the mar - tirs and your ho - ly Church,
 L: To the Trin - i - ty most bless - ed,
 L: And with all your saints in glo - ry,
 C: We sing in end - less praise! *to Refrain*
to Refrain
to Final Refrain

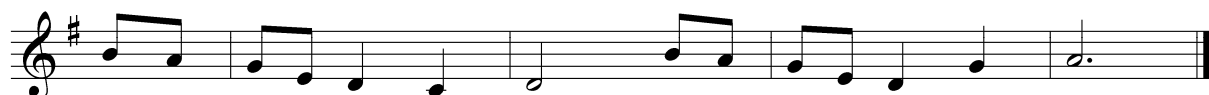
Final Refrain



C: You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise,



all cre - a - tion of - fers praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON

Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof and said to them, "I know that the LORD has given this land to you and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. We have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed. When we heard of it, our hearts melted and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below. Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and that you will save us from death." "Our lives for your lives!" the men assured her. "If you don't tell what we are doing, we will treat you kindly and faithfully

Joshua 2:8-21 (NIV)

when the LORD gives us the land." So she let them down by a rope through the window, for the house she lived in was part of the city wall. Now she had said to them, "Go to the hills so the pursuers will not find you. Hide yourselves there three days until they return, and then go on your way." The men said to her, "This oath you made us swear will not be binding on us unless, when we enter the land, you have tied this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you have brought your father and mother, your brothers and all your family into your house. If anyone goes outside your house into the street, his blood will be on his own head; we will not be responsible. As for anyone who is in the house with you, his blood will be on our head if a hand is laid on him. But if you tell what we are doing, we will be released from the oath you made us swear." "Agreed," she replied. "Let it be as you say." So she sent them away and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window.

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.

SECOND LESSON

I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I make much of my ministry in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies on your account; but as

Romans 11:13-15, 28-32 (NIV)

far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. For God has bound all men over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 20:31

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

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

Matthew 15:21-28 (NIV)

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession." Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost

sheep of Israel." The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs." "Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Faith Is a Living Power from Heaven
Christian Worship #404

SERMON

Matthew 15:21-28
Do You Have Great Faith?

Please stand

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.

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!

7:45 AM — Please continue on page 8 with the Prayer of the Church.
10:00 AM—Please remain seated.

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.



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC:
10:00 AM—
We Walk by Faith
Not by Sight
Arr. by Marilyn Biery

(10:00 AM) INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS
by Pastor Kassulke, Grace's Youth & Family Pastor

**Sunday School
Teachers**

*The teachers being
installed today will
serve now until the
end of May, 2015.*

*Installed at
Grace-Tucson:*

*Meghan Heinz and
Amy Rudd (PK)*

*Denise Hansen and
Christa Kassulke (K-2)*

*Karen Grorud and
Erika Hanson (3-4)*

*Dylan Guenther and
Deb Walshaw (5-6)*

*Jacob Kassulke
(Lifeliners)*

*Ariana Weinstein
(Sunday School Music)*

*Installed at
Grace-Vail:*

*Julie Prigge and
Kathy Silver*

*We would also like to
thank those who
served as Sunday
School teachers
during our summer
session:*

*Jenn Miller and Missy
Wiechmann (PK)*

*Katelyn Lipke and
Taylor Parra (K-2)*

*Lisa Goldie and Tyler
Koehler (3-6).*

Teachers present themselves before the altar.

- M: Dear friends in Christ, you have been called as teachers in the Sunday School & youth education programs of this congregation. You are doing the work the Lord has committed to his Church: to teach the gospel of Jesus Christ, to make disciples of all nations, and to feed the lambs of the Lord Jesus. You do this work on behalf of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church and in association with the parents who entrust their children to your instruction and care.
- M: Your work is both a great privilege and a serious responsibility. To equip yourselves for this blessed work, it is necessary that you faithfully study God's Word, devote yourselves to prayer for those entrusted to your care, and carefully prepare for the lessons you will teach. It is also of great importance in the teaching of the Savior's little ones that you set an example by leading Christian lives.

PROMISE

M: I now ask you in the presence of God and this congregation:

Are you willing to accept this responsibility and to do your work faithfully, according to the ability God has given you? If so, answer: Yes, and I ask God to help me.

R: Yes, and I ask God to help me.

INSTALLATION

M: I now install you as Sunday School & Youth Bible Study teachers of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, in the name of the Father, and of the Son (†), and of the Holy Spirit.

The minister shakes the hands of those being installed, addressing each by name.

M: May God grant you his Holy Spirit and give you wisdom and strength to carry out your duties to his glory and for the good of his children.

EXHORTATION TO THE CONGREGATION

M: Members of Grace, I urge you to regard these teachers as servants of Jesus Christ, teachers of the gospel, and God's gifts to his Church. Support them in their work, pray for them, and bring your children to Sunday School, Confirmation Class, and Lifeline Bible Studies so that you and your families may receive the eternal blessings the Lord promises to those who hear and learn his Word.

PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

Gracious Savior, you bless every effort to bring children up in the Christian faith. We ask you to give wisdom, kindness, and perseverance to teachers who feed your lambs. Teach them your truth so that they may teach others. Cause the children entrusted to their care to be eager to learn about their Savior. May your goodness go out into all the earth so that people in this community and everywhere may hear it and believe it, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

M: May the almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—bless and keep you. Go in the peace of the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: **Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

M: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: **Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **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.

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.

7:45 AM – Please continue on page 10 with the Words of Institution.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so 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 right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

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

A multi-staff musical score for the hymn 'HOLY, HOLY, HOLY'. The score is written in treble clef, key of B-flat major (two flats), and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, using a series of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staffs.

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glo - ry. You are my God, and I will ex - alt you. I will give you thanks for you have be - come my sal - va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glo - - - - ry.

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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

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.

We provide **gluten-free communion wafers** for those with wheat allergy, gluten-sensitivity or celiac disease. These wafers are stored and handled separately to avoid cross-contamination. They are “bread” as Scripture requires and are consecrated along with the rest of the bread. For those requiring gluten-free wafers, please take one from the container on the stand located at the front rail as you approach for communion. Simply hold it so that the pastor can see it at the time of distribution.

Grape juice is available for those who for health or medical reason require it instead of wine. Please speak with a pastor about providing grape juice for you on future Sundays.

*Please stand***THANK THE LORD**


C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise.
Tell ev-'ry one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear his name. He re - news his prom - is - es and
leads his peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Allelu - ia!

PRAYER

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, 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 on 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

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

Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink
Christian Worship #405

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher Pastor Ron Koehler
Worship Leader Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Accompanist Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM)
Accompanist & Worship Choir Director Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Vocal Leaders Teri Guenther & Beth Kassulke (7:45 AM)
Distribution Music Adele Koutia (10:00 AM)
Ushers Vic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)
Mark Christianson, Jon Dongoske, Jonathan Ganster (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:
10:00 AM—
Faith
By Felix Mendelssohn

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Merger News

In a Special Voters’ Meeting on Saturday, August 23, Grace officially approved documents for our merger with Peace Lutheran Church in Sahuarita. The members of Peace will be voting today, and if they approve the same documents, the two congregations can be officially merged. In anticipation of calling a pastor to serve at Grace-Sahuarita, a Pre-Call Meeting has been set for Sunday, September 14 at 3:00 PM in the church at Grace-Tucson. All members are encouraged to pick up a Pre-Call survey from the church or fellowship hall and to bring it along to the meeting.

Vail Ministry Center

The voters also approved leasing a 1050 square foot retail space to serve as a Grace-Vail Ministry Center. The Ministry Center will be used for meetings, private counseling, Bible studies, and as an office or study for Pastor Rieke outside of his home. The approval of this lease was based on the commitments Grace members made by using the commitment boards in February. The additional offerings that were committed are sufficient to cover the cost of the lease. If you have made a financial commitment or would like to, simply add it to your regular offerings.

Wednesday Bible Studies

Join us on Wednesdays in September at 10:00 AM or 7:00 PM for our video based Bible studies regarding creation and modern science. Our topic this week is “Wonder of the Cell.” We’ll meet in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall.



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

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



This Week at Grace • Sept 7-Sept 14

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

TODAY

Worship Services/Communion 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*
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 Tucson Campus Ministry: *Christian & Alcohol* 7:00p

Monday

Bible Study at Vail Golf Club 9:00a

Tuesday

Precious Lambs at the Newbrey's 9:30-11:30a
Handbell Practice 5:30p

Wednesday

Midweek Bible Study: *Creation & Modern Science* 10:00a
Bible Study at the Priggies: *Jonah* 6:00p
Midweek Bible Study: *Creation & Modern Science* 7:00p

Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *The Narrow Lutheran Middle* 9:00a
Worship Choir Practice 6:30p

Saturday

Christian Fellowship: *Zoo Presentation!* 10:00a

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• *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
International Friends Reception at Grace-Tucson 2:00p
Pre-Call Meeting in the Grace-Tucson Sanctuary 3:00p
WELS Tucson Campus Ministry: *Hinduism* 7:00p

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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.

Holy Communion

There are before-communion and after-communion prayers in our Christian Worship hymnal on p. 11, and a personal preparation guide on p.156 to help prepare you to receive the Lord's Supper. If you are a guest with us today, please see p. 10 in today's worship folder under "Distribution" for information about our practice of Member Communion.

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Bryan & Teri Guenther in thanks to God for 20 years of marriage.

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 Craig & Laura Lipke. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Pastor Clemons is preaching at Peace Lutheran Church in Sahuarita, AZ this morning.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Joshua 4:1-9
Revelation 7:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon Text & Theme

Revelation 7:1-8
See the Salvation of All "Israel"

English as a Second Language

The 14th year of our English as a Second Language program begins next Monday, September 15 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. If you know of anyone who might be interested in participating in the program or if you would like to volunteer with teaching, snack preparation, or childcare, please contact the church office at 623-6633. *ESL runs Mondays and Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM September through May.*

Handbell Choir

The Grace Handbell Choir is starting back up this week! The first practice will be on Tuesday, September 9 at 5:30 PM in the Grace-Tucson 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 Beth Kassulke at 293-2935 or music@gracetucsonwels.com.

Worship Choir

Worship Choir started up last Thursday, but it's not too late to join! The next practice is this Thursday, September 11 at 6:30 PM in the Grace-Tucson basement. All are welcome to join!



WELS Online Bible Study – Jonah

Pastor Rieke is facilitating the WELS online Bible study on Jonah at the home of Eric & Julie Prigge (5391 S. Black Falls Dr, 85747) on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in September.

The Zoo is Coming to Grace!

Only if you are bothered by zoophobia should you perhaps avoid coming to the traveling Reid Park Zoo event at Grace-Tucson this Saturday, September 13 at 10:00 AM. Otherwise, come to the Fellowship Hall and not only see and maybe touch some animals, but also hear a zoographic explanation about them. And bring your zoological questions. Become a mini-zoologist in less than an hour! See you there, animal-lovers!



Russ Weir, Christian Fellowship President

80th Birthday Celebration

The Grace congregation is invited to an open house for Geri Derosa's 80th birthday on Friday, September 26 from 4:00-6:00 PM at the clubhouse of Cinda Drescher & Geri DeRosa (the clubhouse is at the end of the street just south of their home, 5716 N. Camino De Las Estrellas). There is also parking at the end of the next street, Camino Noche. No gifts, please.

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.

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).

Women of Grace Kaffeklatsch

The Women of Grace held meetings following worship on August 24 at both Grace-Tucson and Grace-Vail. They settled on some upcoming activities. A "Welcome to WOG Kaffeklatsch Brunch" will be held at the Tucson site (830 N. 1st Ave) on Saturday, October 4 at 9:30 AM. This promises to be a great time to get acquainted with Grace ladies from all sites, and do some brainstorming for other upcoming events. The Annual Roast Beef Dinner will be November 14 and the popular Valentine Tea will be in February. Watch upcoming worship folders, newsletters, the courtyard display case (at Grace-Tucson) and your emails for information. Contact Diane Kramm/WOG President if you have any questions at pdkramm@earthlink.net, 520-440-8564.