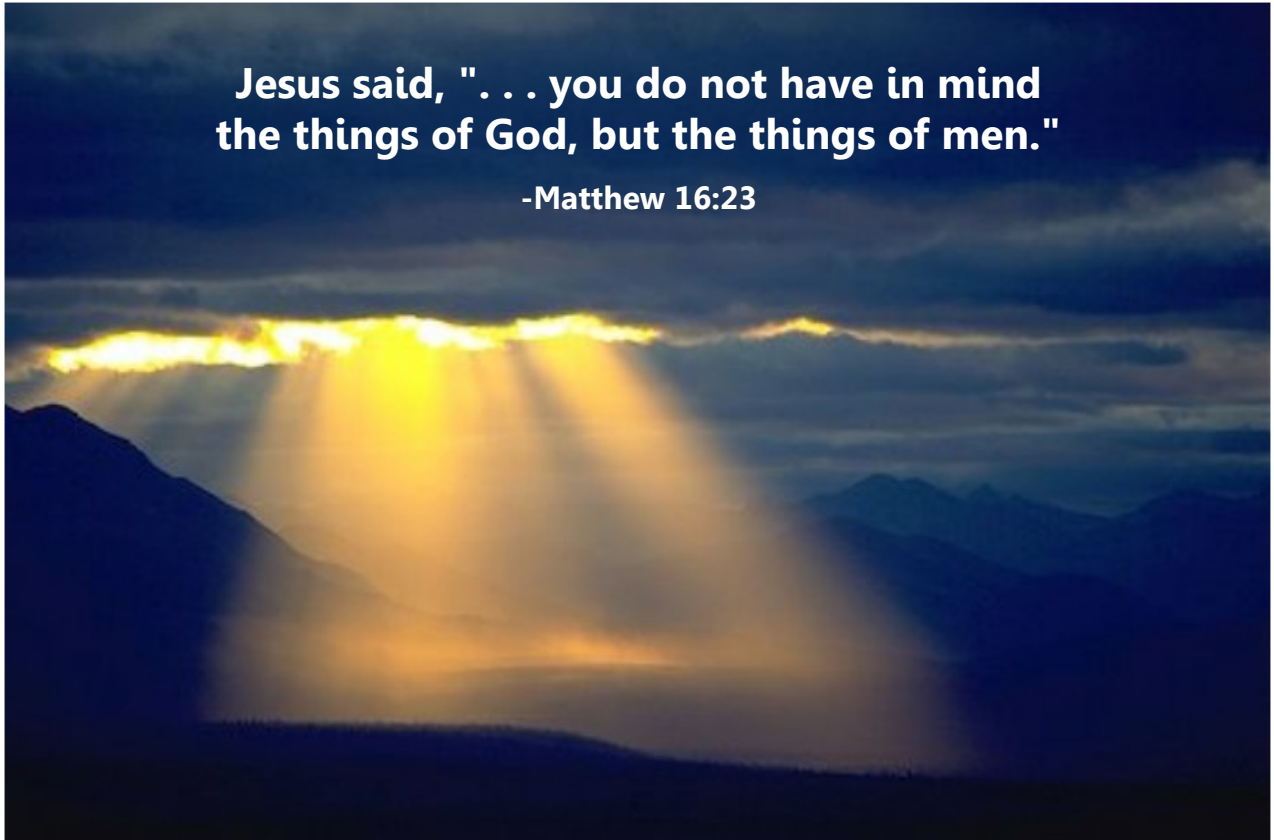


Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Jesus said, "... you do not have in mind
the things of God, but the things of men."**

-Matthew 16:23



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
September 21, 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.

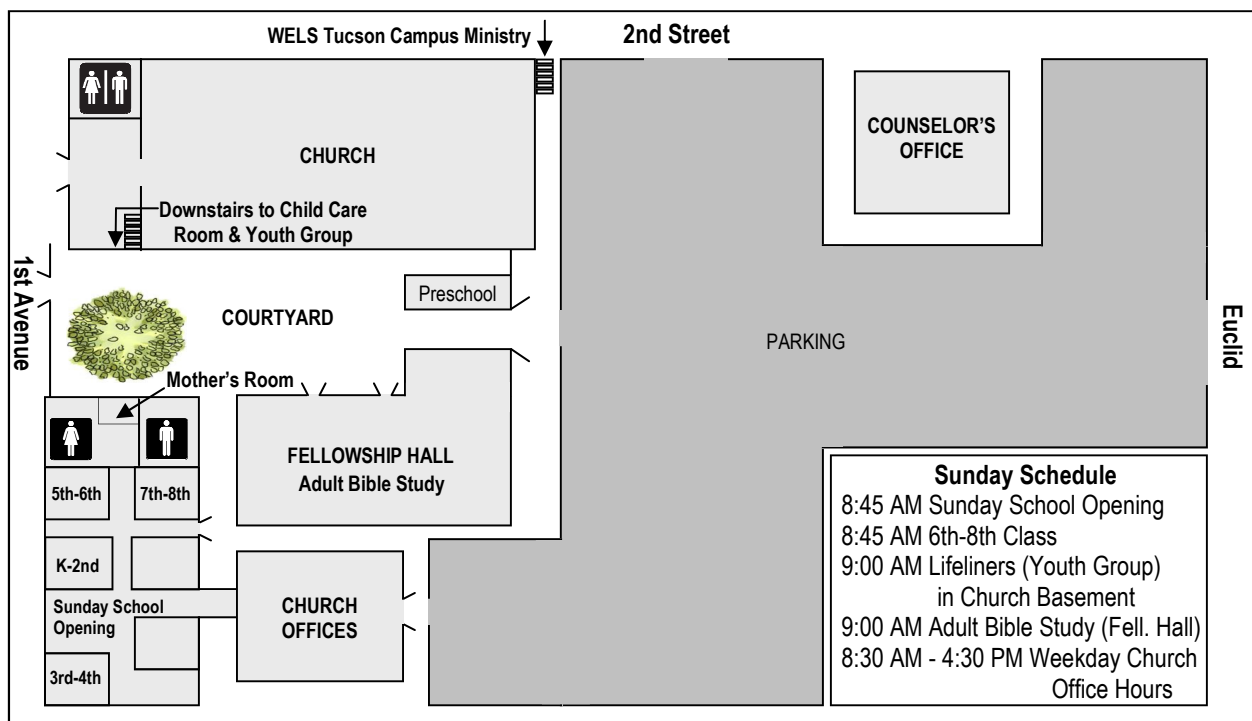
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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:

7:45 AM—

Where He Leads Me

Arr. by Cindy Berry

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR (10:00 AM)

Onward Christian Soldiers

CW #537

*Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.
Christ, the royal master, leads against the foe;
Forward into battle see his banners go!
Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.*

Hymn 537 was originally written in 1864 in England for the children to sing during a school festival procession, headed by a cross and banner.

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.



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.

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 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.

C: Help me to change my ways, O Lord, And glad-ly to o - bey your Word, While
here I live, a - bide with me, Then take me home e - ter - nal - ly.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

YOU ARE GOD, WE PRAISE YOU

Te Deum

Leader: *Refrain*

Congregation: *Refrain*

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.

Verses



L: 1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
 L: 2. Cre - a - tor of all things,
 L: 3. O Christ, King of glo - ry, C: We praise you, we praise you!

L: With the cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 L: O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God,
 L: You be - came a man to set us free; C: We praise you, we praise you!

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 - tyr - s 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.

FIRST LESSON

But the hair on his head began to grow again after it had been shaved. Now the rulers of the Philistines assembled to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and to celebrate, saying, "Our god has delivered Samson, our enemy, into our hands." When the people saw him, they praised their god, saying, "Our god has delivered our enemy into our hands, the one who laid waste our land and multiplied our slain." While they were in high spirits, they shouted, "Bring out Samson to entertain us." So they called Samson out of the prison, and he performed for them. When they

Judges 16:22-31 (NIV)

stood him among the pillars, Samson said to the servant who held his hand, "Put me where I can feel the pillars that support the temple, so that I may lean against them." Now the temple was crowded with men and women; all the rulers of the Philistines were there, and on the roof were about three thousand men and women watching Samson perform. Then Samson prayed to the LORD, "O Sovereign LORD, remember me. O God, please strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes."

Scripture lesson continues on page 5.

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.

Then Samson reached toward the two central pillars on which the temple stood. Bracing himself against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other, Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines!" Then he pushed with all his might, and down came the temple on the rulers and all

the people in it. Thus he killed many more when he died than while he lived. Then his brothers and his father's whole family went down to get him. They brought him back and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of Manoah his father. He had led Israel twenty years.

SECOND LESSON

Those who want to make a good impression outwardly are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. Not even those who are circumcised obey the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your flesh. May I

Galatians 6:12-16 (NIV)

never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, even to the Israel of God.

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

GOSPEL

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do

Matthew 16:21-26 (NIV)

not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?"

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

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

What Is the World to Me
Christian Worship #477

SERMON

Matthew 16:21-26
The Contrast Between God's Wisdom & Human Reason

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!



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

7:45 AM—

*Oh, that the Lord
Would Guide My
Ways
CW #462*

10:00 AM—

*Worship Choir
Take Up Your Cross
By Davis Haas*

*Based on Matthew
16:24-28.*

7:45 AM—Please stand and turn to the Prayer of the Church on page 8.

10:00 AM—Please remain seated.

(10:00 AM) RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER BY TRANSFER

Doug & Lynda Littau

M: Dear members of Grace, Doug and Lynda Littau have recently transferred their membership from King of Kings Lutheran Church (WELS) in Apache Junction, AZ.

Doug and Lynda, so that the believers here might receive you in Christian love and so that you might have the opportunity to express your desire to join the church family here at Grace, I, in the name of this congregation, ask you to lift up your hearts and joyfully answer these questions:

M: Do you desire to be members here at Grace?

New Member(s): I do.

M: Do you intend to grow in grace, strengthening your Christian faith through regular worship, reception of the sacrament and study of God's Word?

NM: I do.

M: Will you support with your prayers, time, talents and offerings the work our Lord has given to this congregation? If so, answer: I will, and I ask God to help me.

NM: I will, and I ask God to help me.

M: Having heard your promises, we, the members of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, receive you in fellowship and love, and invite you to share in our worship and mission, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The pastor addresses the congregation:

M: Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Hearing this confession of faith and these promises, are you willing to receive Doug and Lynda Littau with Christian love into the family of believers here at Grace? Are you willing to befriend, encourage, support and pray for them as Christ commands?

Congregation: Yes, as God gives me strength.

PRAYER

M: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, author and perfecter of our faith, in mercy you joined Doug and Lynda Littau to your Church when they were born again of water and the Spirit. In mercy you taught them your saving truth. Grant that they may continue to offer themselves as living sacrifices to you as their spiritual act of worship. Help us live in love and harmony with one another and work together in serving you. Keep us united in your Spirit, and bring us at last to your eternal kingdom, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: Go in peace.

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.



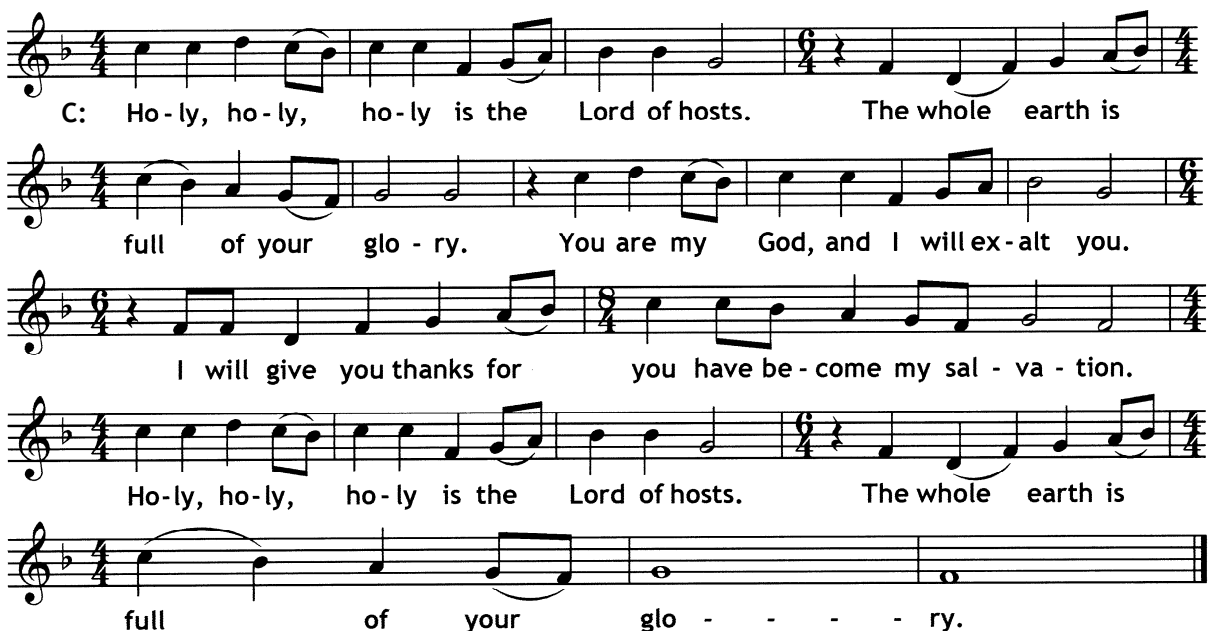
C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

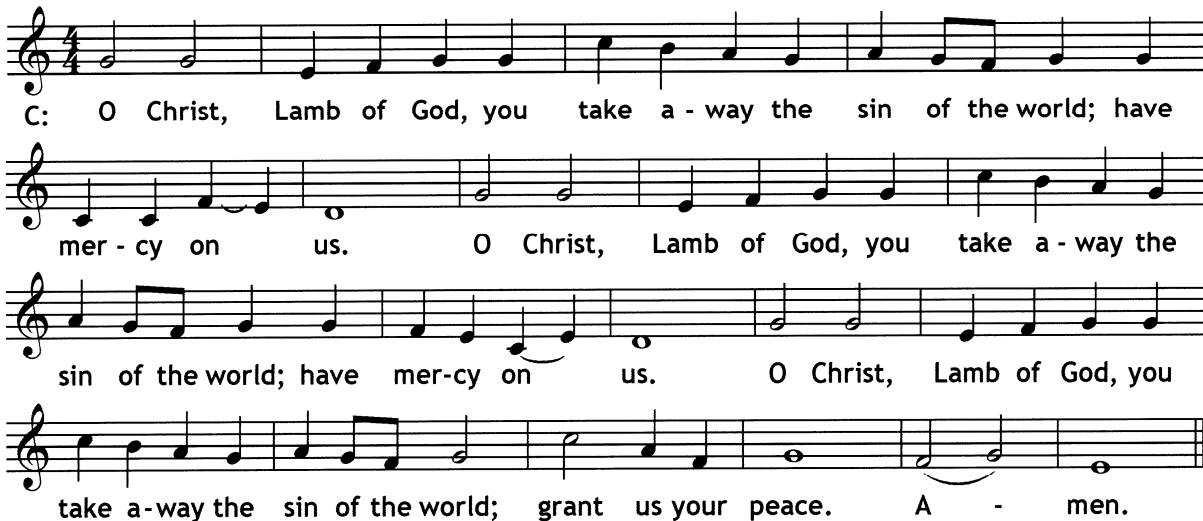
The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



Please be seated


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

May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill
Christian Worship #458

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher Pastor Sam Clemons
Worship Leader Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Communion Assistants..... Pastor Ron Koehler (10:00 AM)
Member Ministry Elder, Jason Watson (10:00 AM)
Accompanists..... Kathy Parra (7:45 AM), Tina Christianson (10:00 AM)
Piano..... Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Vocal Leaders Nicole Peterson & Craig Lipke (7:45 AM)
Adele Koutia & Daniel Kapellusch (10:00 AM)
Sunday School Choir Director Ariana Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Worship Choir Director Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Distribution Music & Sunday School Accompanist.... Melissa Newbrey (10:00 AM)
Flute Lakeisha Johnson (10:00 AM)
Ushers Vic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)
Mark Christianson, Jon Dongoske, Jonathan Ganster (10:00 AM)
Danny Koehler, Jonathan Miller, Dustin Pauley, Rick Street (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech Chris Stuhr (10:00 AM)
Altar Prep Team Elaine Goldie, Karen Grorud, Gisela Kittel

POSTLUDE:

7:45 AM—
Stand Up, Stand Up
for Jesus
Arr. by Cindy Berry

September Voters' Meeting

The next Voters' Meeting for our congregation is scheduled for this Tuesday, September 23 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be in the church at Grace-Tucson. Pastor and Council reports can be found in the church entryways and in the Fellowship Hall. The report keeps members informed and helps voters prepare for the meeting.

The first item of business at the September 23rd Voters' Meeting will be for the voters to extend a Call for a pastor to serve at Grace-Sahuarita. All members of Grace are invited to attend the Voters' Meeting or just the Call portion if they prefer.

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 "Fearfully & Wonderfully Made." We'll meet in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall.

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>.

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

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



This Week at Grace • Sept 21-Sept 28

*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
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: *Sanctification* 7:00p

Monday

Bible Study at Vail Golf Club 9:00a
Precious Lambs at the Wiechmann's 9:30-11:30a
Handbell Practice 4:30p
English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p

Tuesday

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Voters' Meeting 7:00p

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

Friday

Geri DeRosa's Birthday Celebration 4:00-6:00p

Saturday

Redeemer Silent Auction 5:00-7:00p

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Grace-Vail Worship at Esmond Station 10:00a
WELS Tucson Campus Ministry: *Pizza & Prophet* 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.

New Members

This morning during the 10:00 AM worship service, we welcome Doug & Lynda Littau as new members of Grace and ask God's blessings upon them!

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Pete & Terry Kosanke in memory of Dr. Harold & Lucy Jo Kosanke.

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 Jay & Beth Pauley. 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*

Ezekiel 33:7-11
Galatians 2:11-21
Matthew 18:15-20

80th Birthday Celebration

The Grace congregation is invited to an open house for Geri Derosa's 80th birthday this 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.

Handbell Choir

It's not too late to join the Grace Handbell Choir! The next practice will be tomorrow, Monday, September 22 at 4:30 PM in the Grace-Tucson basement. If you are even a little bit curious about handbells come to practice and check it out (you are not required to join if you show up)! If you are interested in playing, please contact Melissa Newbrey at 702-469-0993 or Beth Kassulke at 293-2935 or music@gracetucsonwels.com.

Thank You

Lauri & John Colton would like to thank you all for the prayers, cards, calls and visits on behalf of John. He continues to recover in Catalina Rehab Center.

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 this Saturday, 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 tomorrow, September 22.**

Christian Fellowship Group: *Postal History Foundation*

The Postal History Foundation is one of Tucson's best kept secrets! That is, unless you are a philatelist. What's a philatelist? Well, mark your calendars for Saturday, October 11 for a visit to the Postal History Foundation to have that secret revealed and learn what philately is all about. Whet your knowledge with this overview: dedicated volunteers make possible special learning programs for youth education to any school in the U.S.! We will meet at Grace-Tucson at 10:00 AM and walk/drive half a block to the Postal History Foundation. More details will be forthcoming. Contact Russ Weir if you have special concerns. Don't prejudge...come and see!

—*Russ Weir, Christian Fellowship President*

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.

Grand Canyon Circuit East/West 2014 Joint Fall Retreat Oct 17-19 at C.O.D. Ranch

The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Grand Canyon Circuits East & West will be having a combined 2014 Fall Retreat October 17-19 at C.O.D. Ranch in Oracle, AZ (www.codranch.com). This year's theme is *"The Tie that Binds."* *And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity* (Colossians 3:14).

The Historic C.O.D. Ranch is nestled on a quiet 14 acres in Oracle, AZ north of Tucson. 20 charming casitas with different sleeping configurations, and rich with rustic elegance reflect the old west and colonial Mexico!

*Full Weekend includes 5 meals, 2 nights lodging & registration. \$160.00 per person. Check-in begins at 3:00 PM Friday, October 17.

*Saturday Only includes registration and lunch \$35 per person. Arrive by 8:45 AM (no breakfast provided).

(Registration forms are online at www.grandcanyonlwms.org or ask Diane Kramm or Cindi Breitreitz at Grace-Tucson, Sue Sargent at Grace-Vail, or Rosemary Rosenthal at Grace-Sahuarita.)

Our Circuit Board Mission Box Recommendation for this retreat is: **Thailand Student Project:** WM-2014-15, #P26 of LWMS project booklet. Donations for this are due by September 29. Checks payable to "Grand Canyon LWMS East" need to be sent to: Beckie Grube/Treasurer, 241 N Harrison Road, Tucson, AZ, 85748.

Donations toward the Board Recommended Freewill offering, the "LWMS new 3 year campaign: **"Recharge – Reach Out – Rejoice!"** can be brought to the retreat or sent with someone attending.

For more details please go to: www.grandcanyonlwms.org