

Second Sunday after Pentecost



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

June 22, 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-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.

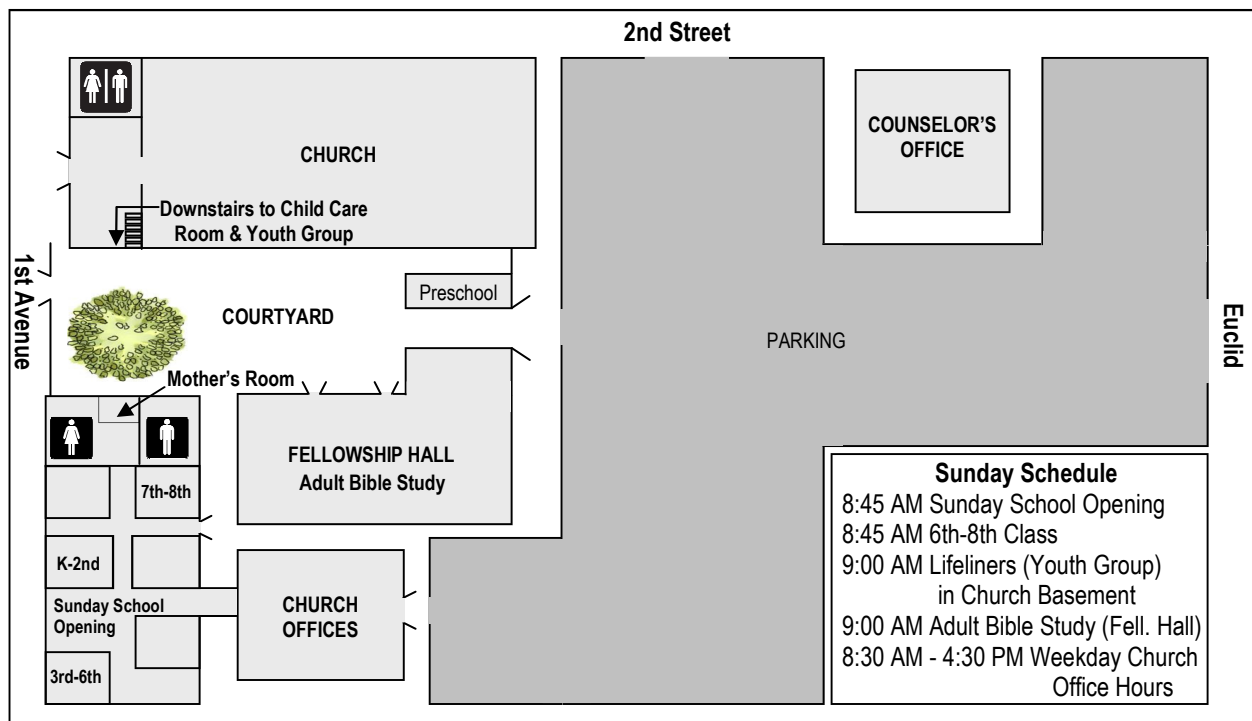
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



SERVICE OF THE WORD

Christian Worship

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CHOIR (10:00 AM)

Gangway to Galilee

*Refrain: Gangway to Galilee!
Jesus sets us free!
Come along and see!
Gangway to Galilee!*

*Come along with us; come aboard
On an amazing adventure with the Lord.
Hold tight, hold on; He gives us what we need.
We're gonna travel with Him by land and sea! Refrain
Through the roaring thunder and the mighty wind,
Jesus is by our side. We're safe with Him.
He died for all, to save us from our sin;
By grace through faith, He sets us free. Refrain*

WELCOME

HYMN

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun
Christian Worship #582

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.

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM—

Faith

*Arr. by Jim
Brickman*

10:00 AM—

*Ask Ye What Great
Thing I Know
Setting by Anne
Krentz Organ*

*The song that the
children are singing
in our service today
is the theme song
from our week of
Vacation Bible
School. Our VBS
focused on Bible
accounts that took
place on or near the
Sea of Galilee.*

*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.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman.

Genesis 3:1-19 (NIV)

"For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves

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.

together and made coverings for themselves. Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, 'Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you

will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.'" To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you." To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,' Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 51a

Refrain



1. Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
According to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.
2. Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.

Refrain

3. Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.
Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother
conceived me.

4. Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquity.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain
me.
5. 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

The vocalist will sing the verses, the congregation may join to sing the refrains and verse 5.

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 11:1-6 (NIV)

I hope you will put up with a little of my foolishness; but you are already doing that. I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him. But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ. For if someone

comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough. But I do not think I am in the least inferior to those "super-apostles." I may not be a trained speaker, but I do have knowledge. We have made this perfectly clear to you in every way.

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

VERSE OF THE DAY



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

John 8:42-47 (NIV)

Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me. Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him.

When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise — be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Tree of Life Christian Worship Supplement #754

1 The tree of life with ev - 'ry
2 The still - ness of that sa - cred
3 What mer - cy God showed to our
4 Now from that tree of Je - sus'

good In E - den's ho - ly or - chard
grove Was bro - ken as the ser - pent
race, A plan of res - cue by his
shame Flows life e - ter - nal in his

stood, And of its fruit so pure and
strove With tempt - ing voice Eve to be -
grace: In send - ing One from wom - an's
name; For all who trust and will be -

sweet God let the man and wom - an
guile And Ad - am to by sin de -
seed, The One to fill our great - est
lieve, Sal - va - tion's liv - ing fruit re -

eat. Yet in this gar - den al - so
file. Oh, day of sad - ness when the
need— For on a tree up - lift - ed
ceive. And of this fruit so pure and

grew An - oth - er tree, of which they
breath Of fear and dark - ness, doubt and
high His on - ly Son for sin would
sweet The Lord in - vites the world to

knew; Its love - ly limbs with fruit a -
death, Its aw - ful poi - son first dis -
die, Would drink the cup of scorn and
eat, To find with - in this cross of

dorned A - gainst whose eat - ing God had warned.
played With - in the world so new - ly made.
dread To crush the an - cient ser - pent's head!
wood The tree of life with ev - 'ry good.

God's first promise to send a Savior, offered in the shadow of Eden, finds its fulfillment on the tree of Calvary, Jesus' cross.

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—

*Now Thank We All
Our God
Arr. by Victor
Labenske*

10:00 AM—

*How Deep the
Father's Love For
Us
By Stuart Townend*

- 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.

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.

Please be seated

HYMN

All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall
Christian Worship #378

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.

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

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

In Adam We Have All Been One
Christian Worship #396

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

POSTLUDE:

7:45 AM—

How Firm a Foundation

Arr. by Cindy Berry

10:00 AM—

Consolation

By Felix Mendelssohn

Worship Leader Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Accompanists Kathy Parra (7:45 AM)
Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Vocalists Pastor Nathan Kassulke (7:45 AM), Dylan Guenther (10:00 AM)
Vacation Bible School Choir Director Ariana Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Flute..... Lakeisha Johnson (10:00 AM)
Ushers..... Vic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)
Dave Breitkreitz, Ed Ethington, Dylan Guenther (10:00 AM)
Ferdie Kramm, James Pauley, Josiah Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech Chris Stuhr (10:00 AM)

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Grace-Vail Moving on July 13

Our worship services at Grace-Vail are moving from Cottonwood Elementary School to Esmond Station School, a brand new school located at (9400 S. Atterbury Wash Way, 85747). This move was discussed and approved at the Voters' Meeting in May, and the date has now been set for our first service in the new location on July 13. We will set up for the first service on Saturday, July 12 at 9:00 AM at Esmond Station. The Sunday schedule will stay the same: Bible Study and Sunday School at 9:00 AM and Worship at 10:00 AM. Please contact Pastor Rieke (343-9881) with any questions or if you would like to assist with the move and setup.



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

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



This Week at Grace • June 22-June 29

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

TODAY

Worship Services.....7:45 & 10:00a
VBS Church Picnic Following 10 AM Worship.....
Children's Sunday School.....8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class.....8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*.....9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• *District Convention Report: Watson & Weinstein*9:00a
• **NO** *Grow in Grace Class*9:00a
Grace-Vail Bible Study Cottonwood Elementary9:00a
Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem.9:00a
Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary10:00a

Monday

Bible Study at Vail Golf Club: *Sermon Study*.....9:00a
WELS Intl. Youth Rally Lifeline Trip—TN (June 23-28).....

Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *The Narrow Lutheran Middle*9:00a

Sunday

Worship Services/Communion.....7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services
Children's Sunday School8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• *The Life of Christ*9:00a
• **NO** *Grow in Grace Class*9:00a
Grace-Vail Bible Study Cottonwood Elementary9:00a
Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem.9:00a
Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary10:00a

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Grace Groundskeeper Needed

We are grateful for the excellent groundskeeping done by Alan Gerds on the Grace Church property. Alan would like to step away from that work, so we are looking for a new groundskeeper. This is a paid, part-time position. If you have questions about the job or would like to apply for the position, please speak with our Trustee, David Breitreitz by July 20th. He may be reached at 240-2471 or you can email him at dcbclb@yahoo.com.

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 Sean & Mary Brearcliffe in celebration of their daughter Erin's 19th birthday.

You Are Invited!

You are invited to our annual Church Picnic today following 10:00 AM worship. There will be grilled hotdogs and hamburgers as well as fun activities for the kids. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Isaiah 7:10-17
Matthew 1:18-25
Galatians 3:26-4:7

Sermon Text & Theme

Isaiah 7:10-17
*Did God Really Say:
A Virgin Would Have a Baby?*

Thank You

Many thanks to all who helped out with our Vacation Bible School this week. We welcomed over 30 children to Grace during the course of the week. They heard the good news of God's grace for them and had a good time making crafts, singing songs, eating snacks, and learning together! A special thanks goes out to our Lifeliners (high school students), many of whom served as teachers and helpers. VBS couldn't be a success without many willing volunteers.

Youth Rally

A group of our Lifeliners (members of the high school youth group) leave tomorrow morning for a trip to the WELS International Youth Rally in Tennessee and to the Creation Museum in Kentucky. Prayers for their safe travels and for a fun and beneficial trip are greatly appreciated!

Ministry Merger News

Following a Member Feedback Meeting on June 8, Peace Lutheran Church in Sahuarita held a Voters' Meeting on June 15 and voted unanimously to join with Grace in ministry according to the ministry plan and financial plan approved by our congregation in May.

David Farley has agreed to serve as the advisory representative for Grace-Sahuarita on the Grace church council through the end of 2014. He fills an important role as we move forward in ministry together.

One of the important areas of work to be done now is the legal merging of the congregations. We anticipate completion of that in the next 30-45 days. Please ask the Lord of the Church to bless our work together.