

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



... Love Your Enemies?

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

August 10, 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.

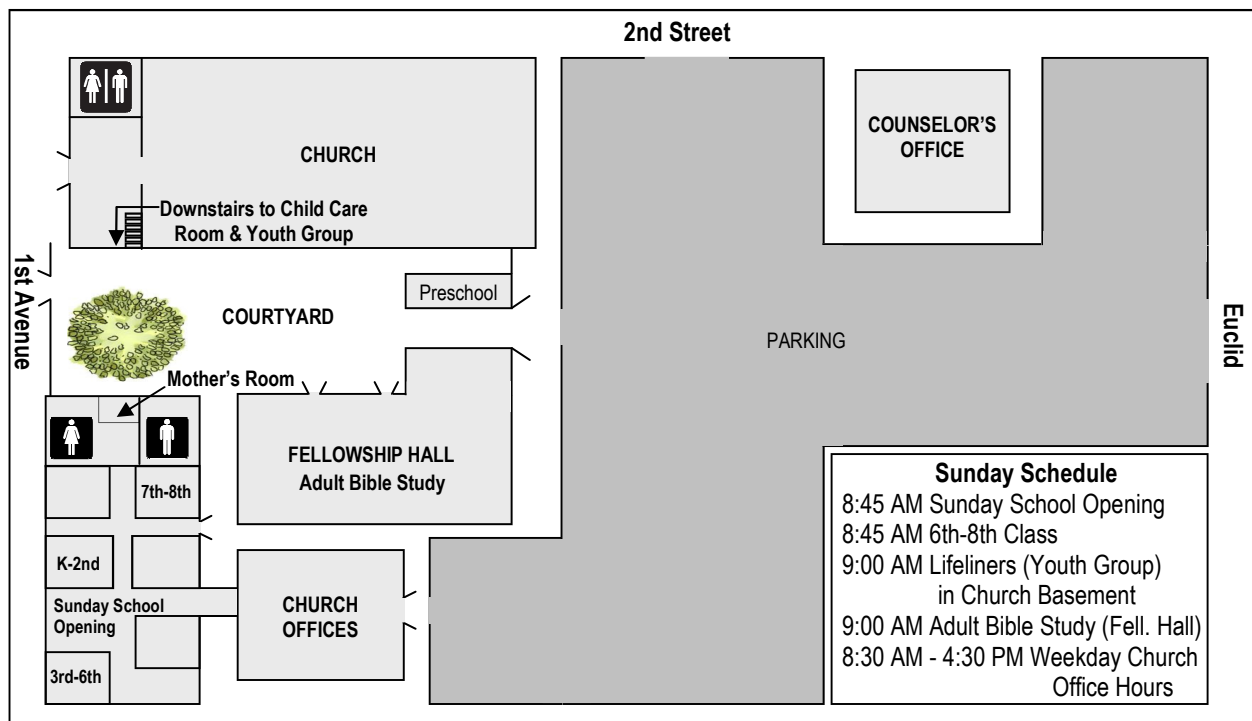
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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.GraceTucsonWELS.com



SERVICE OF THE WORD

Christian Worship

WELCOME

HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory
Christian Worship #523

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—

God of Grace

Arr. by Lloyd Larson

10:00 AM—

O Lord, We Praise

Thee

Arr. by Kevin

Hildebrand

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.

Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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

“When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the alien. I am the LORD your God. Do not steal. Do not lie. Do not deceive one another. Do not swear falsely by my name and so profane the name of your God. I am the LORD. Do not defraud your neighbor or rob him. Do not hold back the wages of a hired man overnight. Do not curse the deaf or put a

Leviticus 19:9-18 (NIV)

stumbling block in front of the blind, but fear your God. I am the LORD. Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly. Do not go about spreading slander among your people. Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor's life. I am the LORD. Do not hate your brother in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in his guilt. Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.’”

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 37

The congregation is invited to sing the psalm in its entirety with the soloist.

Refrain



We com - mit our-selves to you, O Lord.



Your faith - ful - ness en - dures for - ev - er.

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.

Psalm Tone



Do not fret because of evil men
or be envious of those who do wrong;
for like the grass they will soon wither,
like green plants they will soon die away.

Refrain

Trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.
Delight yourself in the LORD
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him and he will do this:
He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn,
the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

Refrain

I was young and now I am old,
yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.
Turn from evil and do good;
then you will dwell in the land forever.

For the LORD loves the just
and will not forsake his faithful ones.
The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD;
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

**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

SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:14-21 (NIV)

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with

everyone. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Luke 6:27-36 (NIV)

“But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ love those who love

them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ lend to ‘sinners,’ expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C: Praise — be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace
Christian Worship #521

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—
Jesus, Lover of My Soul
Arr. by Jeff Nelson

10:00 AM—
O Jesus, Grant Us Hope and Comfort
By J. W. Frank

- 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

Forgive Us, Lord
Christian Worship #482

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.

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

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing
Christian Worship #329

Preacher	Pastor Ron Koehler
Worship Leader	Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM)
Accompanists	Elaine Goldie (7:45 AM)
	Tina Christianson (10:00 AM)
Soloists	Jay Wiechmann (7:45 AM)
	Adele Koutia (10:00 AM)
Ushers	Vic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)
	Mark Christianson, Jon Dongoske, Danny Koehler (10:00 AM)
	Taylor Parra, Dustin Pauley, Rick Street (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech	Jeremy Snaveley (10:00 AM)

POSTLUDE:
7:45 AM—
Lord, Dismiss Us
with Your Blessing
 Arr. by Valerie
 Floeter

10:00 AM—
God of Grace
Setting by Paul
 Manz

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**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 10-Aug 17

*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
• *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

Monday

Bible Study at Vail Golf Club: Book of Leviticus 9:00a

Tuesday

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

Thursday

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

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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.

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by the Hawkins family in memory of Lester Oberfeld, dear brother and uncle, and in thanks to God for their many blessings.

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 Tsosie family. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Pastor Kassulke is preaching at Peace, Sahuarita this morning.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Exodus 20:1-17
1 Corinthians 7:1-9
Matthew 5:27-32

Sermon Text & Theme

1 Corinthians 7:1-9
*Did God Really Say:
Don't Act Like You're Married
Until You Are?*

Precious Lambs Playgroup

Children (ages birth to age 5) are invited to come play along with their parent or caregiver this **Tuesday, August 12** from **9:30-11:30AM**. We will meet at the Wiechmann's house (2361 W Terner PI, 85741) for this informal play date. You do not need to RSVP and can come for any or all of the time. Precious Lambs will meet on most Tuesday mornings for play dates. If you have any questions, please contact Missy Wiechmann (403-1177) or Beth Kassulke (293-2935). (Precious Lambs will meet on August 19 at the Newbrey's house, 111 W Old Ina Rd, 85704.)

Special Voters' Meeting

A special Voters' Meeting will be held at Grace-Tucson on Saturday, August 23 at 10 AM. The agenda will include the following items:

- The proposed Vail Ministry Center lease plans
- Discussion of a legal name change for our congregation
- Legal merger items regarding Bethlehem, Benson and Peace, Sahuarita
- Discussion of the L.A.C.E. loans for Tucson and Sahuarita.

Because we have not formally merged our congregations yet, Grace voters will be acting on any necessary items at this meeting, but voters from Benson and Sahuarita are encouraged to attend and participate in the discussion.

Supplies Needed for Mission to the Children

It's that time of year again! Mission to the Children is in need of school supplies for the children we serve in Sonora, Mexico (Kindergarten through high school age). If you would be in a position to purchase any of these on sale (notebooks, crayons, pencils, markers, erasers, folders, rulers, glue, scissors, etc) we would be most grateful. Please bring them to the Grace church office. If you put your name and address on them, you will receive a letter from the mission so you may claim your donation as a tax deduction. The trip to take supplies to Sonora is scheduled for mid-August. Any questions, call Mary Ann Rosas at 591-0799. Thank you so much!

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).

Deer Valley Women's Retreat

The women of Deer Valley invite you to a one-day Women's Retreat at Deer Valley Lutheran Church in Phoenix on September 20 from 8:30 AM-2:00 PM. The guest speaker is Pastor Jeff Gunn of Crosswalk. A luncheon is included in the day. The suggested door donation is \$5. Register online at www.deervalley.org or call 623-581-1198 by September 15. More details on the retreat can be found in the courtyard display case.

New Location for Grace-Vail

Our worship services at Grace-Vail have moved from Cottonwood Elementary School to Esmond Station School, a brand new school located at 9400 S. Atterbury Wash Way, 85747 (Just east of Empire HS on the south side of Mary Anne Cleveland). This move was discussed and approved at the Voters' Meeting in May. 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.

