# **Festival of Pentecost**



This stained glass window is located in the upper row of windows on the south side of the church. Here is the description of this Christian symbol:

PENTECOST, THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. On Pentecost Sunday, 50 days after Easter, the Spirit's presence was marked by tongues of fire on the disciples' heads. There are 7 flames representing the seven spiritual gifts.

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church June 8, 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.

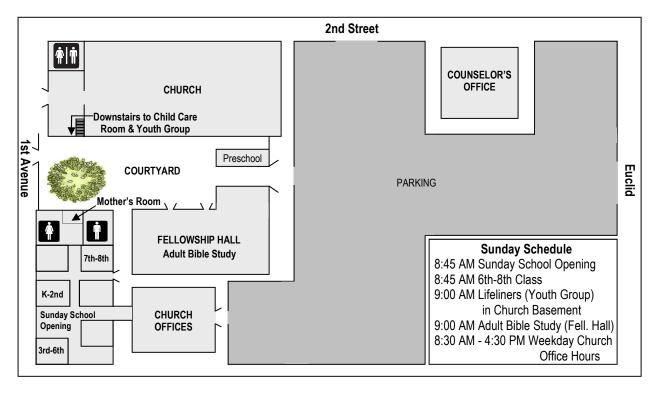
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



#### PENTECOST FESTIVAL SERVICE

Based on Divine Service II Christian Worship Supplement

VOCAL QUARTET (10:00 AM)

Be Present Spirit of the Lord

Be present, Spirit of the Lord. Let sounds of earth be dumb, The Father's love be shed abroad, the dew of blessing on us poured, Oh, silent Spirit come. Oh, silent Spirit come.

In power unseen upon us rest, your gracious gifts impart. A mind renewed, a Spirit blessed, a life where Christ is manifest. An understanding heart. An understanding heart.

Oh, Spirit come and with us stay; make ev'ry heart you home. So work in us that we who pray, may walk with Christ in wisdom's way. Oh, Holy Spirit, come, oh, Holy Spirit, come.

WELCOME

**HYMN** 

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord Christian Worship #176

Please stand

**INVOCATION** 

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

#### **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: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

#### **ABSOLUTION**

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The Jewish Feast of Weeks or Feast of Harvest meant joyfully giving thanks and offerings to the Lord for the new grain of the summer wheat harvest. This is one of three major festivals for which Jews had to travel to Jerusalem to celebrate. It was celebrated 7 weeks (49 days) after Passover. The Greek word for it is PENTECOST, meaning 50, since it is celebrated on the 50th day.

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

**7:45 AM**— In Babilone Arr. by Penny Rodriguez

#### LORD, HAVE MERCY-Kyrie

Mark 10:47

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

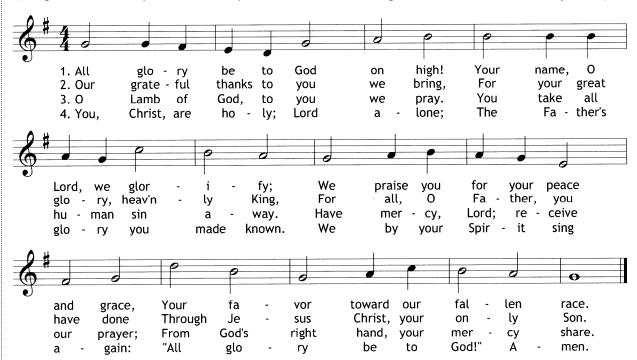
- M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.
- C: Christ, have mercy.
- M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.
- C: Amen.

Christians praise
God by proclaiming
the great things
he has done to
accomplish our
rescue from sin.
"Glory to God in the
Highest" has been a
Christian song of
worship since the
fourth century.

## GLORY BE TO GOD Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14

Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction. (Sung to the tune of "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow," Christian Worship #334)



#### THE WORD

#### **SALUTATION**

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

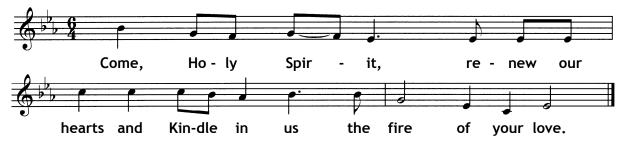
The sevenfold gift of the Spirit comes from Isaiah 11:2 and several references in Revelation to the "seven spirits."

Please be seated

#### **PSALM OF THE DAY**

PSALM 51b

## Refrain



Psalm Tone



- 1. O Lord, open / my lips,\* and my mouth will de- / clare your praise.
- 2. You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would / bring it;\* you do not take pleasure in burnt / offerings.
- 3. The sacrifices of God are a broken / spirit;\* a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will / not despise.

#### Refrain

- 4. Create in me a pure / heart, O God,\* and renew a steadfast spirit with- / in me.
- 5. Do not cast me from your / presence\* or take your Holy Spirit / from me.
- 6. Restore to me the joy of your sal- / vation,\* and grant me a willing spirit, to sus- / tain me.
- 7. Then I will teach transgressors / your ways,\* and sinners will turn / back to you.
- Glory be to the Father and / to the Son\* and to the Holy / Spirit, as it was in the be- / ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

Refrain

Psalm 51 was written by David after the prophet Nathan confronted him about his sin of adultery with Bathsheba. This is a penitential psalm in which David seeks God's forgiveness and strength from the Holy Spirit. We, as sinners also, use this psalm as David did.

"Glorv be to the Father..." is a short expression of praise to the Triune God used by Christians since at least the 4<sup>th</sup> century A.D. It is known as the Gloria Patri or the Doxologia Minor (lesser doxology or hymn of praise) while the Gloria in Excelsis is referred to as the Doxologia Major.

#### MEDITATION Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29

#### THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: MOSES WISHED IT

The LORD said to Moses: "Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you. I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take of the Spirit that is on you and put the Spirit on them. They will help you carry the burden of the people so that you will not have to carry it alone."

So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the Tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took of the Spirit that was on him and put the

Spirit on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do so again.

However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the Tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. A young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' aide since youth, spoke up and said, "Moses, my lord, stop them!"

But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

**HYMN** 

Holy Spirit, Light Divine Christian Worship #183

## MEDITATION Joel 2:28-29

#### THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: JOEL FORETOLD IT

"And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

**HYMN** 

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest Christian Worship #177

## MEDITATION Acts 2:1-21

#### THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: THE DISCIPLES LIVED IT

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"

Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

**HYMN** 

O, Holy Spirit, Enter In Christian Worship #184

Please stand

Martin Luther wrote the Catechism to outline the basics of Christian faith so that they might be learned by Christians. It provides a way for parents to teach their children and the church uses it for instruction in the faith. The Apostles' Creed is one of the six chief parts of the Catechism.

#### **CONFESSION OF FAITH** from Luther's Catechism

M: The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed

ALL: 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.

M: What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Please be seated



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

#### **OFFERTORY MUSIC:**

7:45 AM— Breathe On Me, Breath of God Arr. by Victor Labenske

#### **OFFERING**

ALL:

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 FOR PENTECOST

- M: Dear Heavenly Father, since we live by the breath of your mouth and our souls need nourishment as well as our bodies,
- C: We are especially thankful that on Pentecost you poured out the gift of your Holy Spirit.
- M: By his power we have become your children through faith in Jesus Christ.
- C: As your children, we need constant renewal and strengthening of our faith.
- M: Lord Jesus, you promised your disciples that you would send the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, to teach them and remind them.
- C: We ask you to continue to send your Spirit to counsel us also, teaching us your Word and reminding us of your will and our mission as your people.

M: As members of the Church that you began with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit,

ALL: We ask you to give us the wisdom and dedication to carry out the mission of your Church in a manner that is pleasing to you. We pray in the name of the Head of the Church, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

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.

#### **BLESSING**

May the grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ M:

And the love of God

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling Christian Worship #182

#### THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leader	Pastor Ron Koehler (10:00 AM)
Accompanists	
·	Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Vocal Quartet	Dylan Guenther, Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
	Pastor Nathan Kassulke, Beth Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Trumpets	Tyler Koehler, Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Ushers Dave B	reitkreitz, Ed Ethington, Dylan Guenther (10:00 AM)
Ferdie	Kramm, James Pauley, Josiah Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech	

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**POSTLUDE:** 

The Apostle Paul

always closed his

Trinitarian blessing

from 2 Corinthians 13:14 notes the work of the Holy

another. Christians have used this "Pauline Blessing" since 56 A.D.

letters with a

benediction or blessing. This

Spirit—that he brings us into fellowship with Christ and with one

7:45 AM-Spirit of God. Descend Upon My Heart Arr. by Victor Labenske



# 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 8-June 15

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

TODAY PENTECOST	
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):	
Jesus' Last Days	9:00a
• Grow in Grace Class (Office) Non-Members	Only 9:00a
Grace-Vail Bible Study Cottonwood Elementa	ary 9:00a
Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Ele	m 9:00a
Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementa	ry10:00a

#### Monday

NO Bible Study at Vail Golf Club
AZ-CA District Convention, Scottsdale, AZ (Pastors Koehler,
Kassulke, Rieke, and our lay delegate Jason Watson will
attend Mon-Wed)

#### Wednesday

Financial Peace University at Grace-University ......6:30p

#### **Thursday**

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

#### Saturday

Christian Fellowship Potluck at Grace-University ...... 12:00p

#### **Sunday TRINITY SUNDAY**

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Worship Services/Communion	7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services	•••••
Children's Sunday School	8:45a
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#### **TODAY**

#### 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 Bob & Nadine Rentschler in thanksgiving for their 50th wedding anniversary.

#### 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 Bill & Lisa Toben. 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

Genesis 1:1-2:3 2 Corinthians 13:11-14 Matthew 28:16-20

#### Sermon Text & Theme

2 Corinthians 13:11-14 May God Be With You

#### **Christian Fellowship Group Potluck**

One final reminder to come and hear Grace member Reinette van den Berg tell us about living in South Africa. Her presentation is this Saturday, June 14 at 12:00 PM in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall. This will be a potluck gathering as well so bring a healthy dish to share. The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and better with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis.

## **Wedding Invitation**

The Grace congregation is invited to the wedding ceremony of Bob Nessinger and Audrey Street next Sunday, June 15 at 3:00 PM in the sanctuary.

#### Vacation Bible School & Church Picnic!

Gangway! Clear the way! Come along and join us as we hear amazing Bible accounts from the Sea of Galilee and its shores. Our "Gangway to Galilee" Vacation Bible School is an adventure of Amazing Grace! Each day devotions, songs, and crafts reinforce the lessons from the Bible. So, gather up your children, nieces, nephews and friends in the neighborhood and bring them to Grace (University Site) for sea-side fun! **VBS** is **June 16-20, 2014**, 9:00-11:30. You may register online at <a href="https://www.gracetucsonwels.com/vbs">www.gracetucsonwels.com/vbs</a>.

The closing service starts at 10:00 AM on Sunday, June 22 at Grace-University with the church picnic to follow. Members of Grace are asked to bring a side dish and dessert to share.

If you would like to volunteer to assist with VBS, please speak to our coordinator, Cindi Breitkreitz (298-9758) or to Pastor Kassulke. Donations for Vacation Bible School are also appreciated.

#### **Voters' Meeting Update**

Several important decisions were made at the Voters' Meeting on Thursday, May 29:

- 1. The voters approved an additional expenditure from the Perpetual Memorial Fund for the costs of the Lifeliner Youth Rally trip in June. This expenditure is expected to be much less than the original estimate of \$5,000.
- 2. It was resolved that Grace continue to support our active members at Redeemer Lutheran School and Arizona Lutheran Academy through a \$1,000 scholarship (\$500 per semester), paid out of the Christian Education Fund. That fund currently stands at approximately \$31,000. Grace anticipates at least 14 and perhaps up to 16 member students may be attending these schools.
- 3. The 2013 Ministry Spending Plan (MSP) ended with a surplus of \$34,847. The voters agreed to send \$10,000 of this surplus to the Synod as Congregational Mission Offerings in addition to our 2014 MSP support. The rest will be paid toward repairing the Grace-University parking lot with an asphalt overlay. Funding sources to complete the overlay were also identified and approved.
- 4. The voters approved moving Grace-Vail's worship site from Cottonwood Elementary School to Esmond Station, a brand new school between Rita Ranch and Vail. Esmond Station is located on Mary Ann Cleveland Way, a major road in the area. This location, it is believed, would help Grace-Vail be more prominent and identifiable throughout the community. The move, at the end of the summer or early in the fall, will also provide an opportunity to invite the community to a "re-grand opening" event. Grace will continue to search for a suitable space of approximately 1,000 square feet to lease as a ministry center, providing office space and meeting space in a location available throughout the week.
- 5. The voters also approved a merger with Peace Lutheran Church in Sahuarita and Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Benson. It is envisioned that such a merger would result in one "Grace Lutheran Church" at four sites: Grace-Tucson, Grace-Vail, Grace-Sahuarita, and Grace-Benson. The merger will move forward when and if the other congregations agree to the principles of the merger that Grace is suggesting. Either congregation could choose not to agree to the merger or to continue discussions as needed. The basic outline of the merger may be found in the document prepared for our Member Feedback Meetings on the topic.

The full minutes of the meeting will be available prior to our next regular Voters' Meeting in September.

## **Sunday School Music**

Sunday School here at Grace-University begins each week with music. The Sunday School students are currently working on "Father, I Adore You," a song that they plan to sing in the 10:00 worship service next Sunday, June 15. Sunday School students are encouraged to arrive by 8:45 to allow plenty of time to rehearse the song.

## **Grace Extension Group**

The Grace Extension Group makes weekly visits and leads devotions at Sabino Canyon Rehabilitation Center. They currently have four people who present and are in need of additional help. If you would like more information about getting involved please speak to Gisela Kittel (887-0428), Bob Rentschler (299-3974) or Russ Weir (795-0062).