Second Sunday of End Time— Last Judgment



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church November 8, 2015



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.

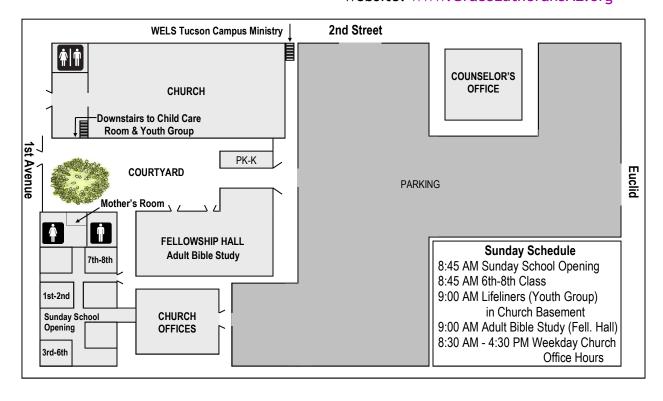
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



After journeying through the Sundays after Pentecost examining our life of faith, the season of End Time marks the end of the Christian Church Year. The second Sunday of End Time is the Last Judgment. It reminds us of Christ's return to judge the living and the dead. Red is the color for this Sunday, bringing to mind the fire of Judgment Day and the saving blood of Christ.

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

10:00 AM— Psalm XX By Benedetto Marcello

DIVINE SERVICE I

Christian Worship Supplement

WELCOME

HYMN

God Himself Is Present Christian Worship #224

Please stand

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

CONFESSION OF SINS

- M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY Kyrie



Kyrie—We sing our penitential confession to our Triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit, asking for his mercy. The name Kyrie is shortened from the Greek Kyrie Eleison, which means "Lord have mercy."

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

(Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction)

The text of Gloria in Excelsis (Latin for "Glory in the highest") is an ancient song that echoes the song of the angels in Luke 2:14. It offers praise and thanks to our triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and to the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Then I heard him call out in a loud voice, "Bring the guards of the city here, each with a weapon in his hand." And I saw six men coming from the direction of the upper gate, which faces north, each with a deadly weapon in his hand. With them was a man clothed in linen who had a writing kit at his side. They came in and stood beside the bronze altar. Now the glory of the God of Israel went up from above the cherubim, where it had been, and moved to the threshold of the temple. Then the LORD called to the man clothed in linen who had the writing kit at his side and said to him, "Go throughout the city of Jerusalem and put a mark on the foreheads of those who grieve and lament over all the detestable things that are done in it." As I listened, he said to the others, "Follow him through the city and kill, without showing pity or compassion. Slaughter old men, young men and maidens, women and children, but do not touch anyone who Ezekiel 9:1-11 (NIV)

has the mark. Begin at my sanctuary." So they began with the elders who were in front of the temple. Then he said to them, "Defile the temple and fill the courts with the slain. Go!" So they went out and began killing throughout the city. While they were killing and I was left alone, I fell facedown, crying out, "Ah, Sovereign LORD! Are you going to destroy the entire remnant of Israel in this outpouring of your wrath on Jerusalem?" He answered me, "The sin of the house of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great; the land is full of bloodshed and the city is full of injustice. They say, 'The LORD has forsaken the land; the LORD does not see.' So I will not look on them with pity or spare them, but I will bring down on their own heads what they have done." Then the man in linen with the writing kit at his side brought back word, saying, "I have done as you commanded."

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.

Refrain



Psalm Tone

- 1. Lord, you have been our / dwelling place* throughout all gener- / ations.
- 2. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth / and the world,* from everlasting to everlasting / you are God.
- 3. For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has / just gone by,* or like a watch / in the night.

Refrain

- 4. You have set our iniquities be- / fore you,* our secret sins in the light of your / presence.
- 5. You turn mortals / back to dust.* You sweep them away in the / sleep of death.
- 6. The length of our days is seventy years—or eighty, if we / have the strength;* yet their span is but trouble and / sorrow.
- 7. Teach us to number our / days aright,* that we may gain a heart of / wisdom.

Refrain

- 8. Satisfy us in the morning with your un- / failing love,* that we may sing for joy and be glad / all our days.
- 9. 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

SECOND LESSON

All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know

2 Thessalonians 1:5-10 (NIV)

God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.

M: Alleluia. Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Alleluia.

Please stand

GOSPEL Luke 19:11-27 (NIV)

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



While they were listening to this, he went on to tell them a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once. He said: "A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return. So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. 'Put this money to work,' he said, 'until I come back.' But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'We don't want this man to be our king.' He was made king, however, and returned home. Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they had gained with it. The first one came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned ten more.' 'Well done, my good servant!' his master replied. 'Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.' The second came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned five more.' His master answered, 'You take charge of five

cities.' Then another servant came and said, 'Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth. I was afraid of you, because you are a hard man. You take out what you did not put in and reap what you did not sow.' His master replied, 'I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant! You knew, did you, that I am a hard man, taking out what I did not put in, and reaping what I did not sow? Why then didn't you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?' Then he said to those standing by, 'Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.' 'Sir,' they said, 'he already has ten!' He replied, 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what he has will be taken away. But those enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them-bring them here and kill them in front of me.'"

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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

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.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

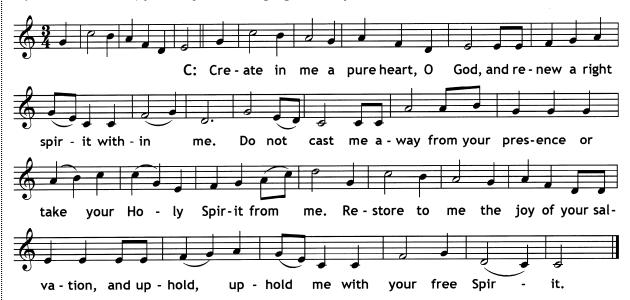
Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending Christian Worship #29

SERMON

2 Thessalonians 1:5-10 Judgment Day's Grim Reality and Beautiful Comfort

Please stand

After the sermon, please join in singing the response below:



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-LAST JUDGMENT

M: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord; O Lord, hear our voices.

C: Let your ears be attentive to our cries for mercy.

M: Heavenly Father, we confess with sorrow that we have sinned and deserve only your anger and punishment.

C: If you kept a record of our sins, we would surely be lost.

M: We confess with joy that your unfailing love has redeemed us.

C: Our hope is in you and in your full redemption.

M: Around us we see the birth pangs of the last days: war, famine, earthquakes, false prophets, spiritual apathy.

C: Use these signs to remind us that we do not know the day or hour when Christ will come again.

M: Keep us faithful to your Word; send your Spirit to strengthen our faith so that we are always prepared for your Son's return as judge.

C: Make us faithful in sharing your Word, and cause many more to put their hope in you before the end comes.

M: Build our fellowship of love as brothers and sisters in faith.

C: Help us support one another when trials and troubles come our way.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Heavenly Father, we eagerly wait for Jesus to come again and make all things new. May he find us, whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life, faithfully enduring to the end, through the power of your Holy Spirit.

C: Come, Lord Jesus. May your grace be with us. Amen.



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

10:00 AM— There Is A Higher Throne Setting by Keith Getty 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.

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

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near Christian Worship #207

Please stand

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."

- M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.
- M: 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: Amen.

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See Christian Worship #219

POSTLUDE: 10:00 AM— Choral Song By Samuel Wesley

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher	Pastor Ron Koehler
Worship Leader	Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM)
Accompanists	Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM)
	Tina Christianson (10:00 AM)
Ushers	Vic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)
	Dave Breitkreitz, Ed Ethington, Dylan Guenther (10:00 AM)
	Lucas Guenther, Ferdie Kramm, Josiah Weinstein (10:00 AM)
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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.

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 Jeanette O'Donald, Nadine Rentschler and Amy Rudd. 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

> Isaiah 65:17-25 Revelation 22:1-5 Luke 20:27-38

Sermon Text & Theme

Luke 20:27-38
We Are God's Living Children

Divine Call Extended

At Grace's Call Meeting on Sunday, October 25, a Divine Call was extended to Pastor Joel Russow to serve as Grace's mission pastor to Sahuarita. Pastor Russow currently serves at Faith Lutheran Church in Tallahassee, Florida. Please keep Pastor Russow, his wife Jill and their 4 children in your prayers as he considers this Call. Also, please keep in your prayers the ongoing gospel ministry in Tallahassee and here at Grace!

Christian Fellowship Group

The Christian Fellowship group will meet this Saturday, November 14 at 12:00 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall for a potluck, followed by a colored-glass cross-making art project directed by Glenn & Lois Erdmann. There is a \$5 charge that goes toward supplies. If you'd like to participate, there is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall and at all the Grace locations. The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and better with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis.

Roast Beef Dinner & Craft Fair This Friday!

The Women of Grace will host a craft fair in conjunction with the Roast Beef Dinner this Friday, November 13 from 4:30-6:30 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall.

A free-will offering will be taken at both the dinner and craft fair. Proceeds from the dinner, after covering costs, will go toward the annual WOG Missionary, Grace staff Christmas remembrances and Redeemer Lutheran School. Monies from the craft fair will all go to Redeemer, to help aid them after the school was burglarized this summer.

The menu includes: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Pies, Coffee, Tea, & Milk.

We definitely will need help with cooking, serving and clean-up. Sign-up sheets are available in the Fellowship Hall. **Members are asked to bring a pie to share.**

Thank You

Bill Rauh would like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers recently. He will still need prayers as he undergoes further testing and treatment.

Redeemer's Great Exchange

Redeemer's Great Exchange will be held this Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 9 and 10 from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Wednesday, Nov. 11 from 7:00 AM to noon (8845 N. Silverbell Rd, 85743). All items are free and include household items, clothing, decorative items, linens, books, games, toys, videos, furniture and just about anything you could think of and might want. Food is also served during the shopping hours. This event is open to WELS churches, families, friends, neighbors, co-workers and acquaintances. Come and browse and have fun. Everyone leaves happy!

Thursday Women's Bible Study: Titus

Named for the recipient of this letter from Paul, the book of Titus is a blessing for the church and for pastors. Christian doctrine, along with church structure and pastoral encouragement are found here. You will appreciate the application to our church life today. Come check it out this Thursday, November 12 at 9:00 AM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall!

Worship Choir Practices

Worship Choir will be singing in worship at Grace-Tucson November 25. Rehearsals will be held on Monday, November 16 and 23 at 6:30 PM in the church basement. All members are invited to join us! If you have any questions, please contact Director Teri Guenther (235-1177) or Music Coordinator Beth Kassulke (260-3649).

Vail Country Fair

The Vail Country Fair is taking place from 9:00 AM-5:00 PM on Saturday, November 21 at the Pima County Fairgrounds. For the fifth year in a row, Grace-Vail will have a booth. We are still looking for volunteers to help staff the booth during the day. Even if you don't worship regularly at Vail, consider coming down and helping out. Please contact Pastor Rieke (343-9881) or Sue Sargent (405-0209) if you are interested in volunteering. Admission & parking are free so bring the whole family to this fun and growing event.

Upcoming Thanksgiving Worship Services

You are invited to a special Thanksgiving worship service on **Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00 PM** at Grace-Sahuarita (17675 S. La Canada Dr). If you haven't been out to our Sahuarita site, this might be the perfect opportunity to try it out and invite your friends and family members. There will be a dessert fellowship following worship.

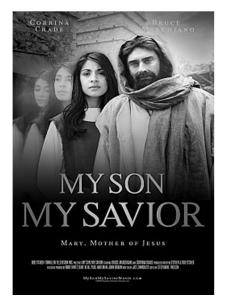
Grace-Tucson will be holding a Thanksgiving Eve worship service on **Wednesday**, **November 25 at 7:00 PM**. Invite a friend or family member to attend! Following worship, there will be a dessert fellowship in the Fellowship Hall and courtyard. **Members are asked to bring a pie or other dessert**.

Quarterly Offering Statements Available

Those who use the offering envelopes or *Simply Giving* for their giving to the Lord will find a quarterly offering statement envelope with their name on it on the table in the courtyard. Please pick yours up today. We hope you'll appreciate the opportunity to check for any recording errors we may have made and perhaps use it to review your gifts of love to your Savior.

Women's Fellowship

A monthly women's fellowship is beginning with a kick-off get together at the home of Cora Stuhr (1001 W. Las Palmas Dr, 85704) on Friday, December 4 at 6:30 PM. There will be appetizers and a discussion on what events the group would like to do in the new year. Call or text Missy Wiechmann at 403-1177 if you have any questions.



Christmas Outreach 2015

We look forward to sharing the joyous news of our Savior's birth with the communities around each of Grace's sites. After all, the angel announced that this good news is for all people!

Our Christmas Outreach Plan includes using the latest Bible movie produced by the WELS. It is entitled *My Son, My Savior* and it tells the story of Jesus through Mary's eyes. It appears to be an excellent piece of work, like the two before it, *Road to Emmaus* and *Come Follow Me*. Go to http://wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/evangelism/my-son-my-savior/ for information about the movie, to view the trailer, or make personal orders.

We have ordered cases of the DVDs and plan to have members at each site wrap them as gifts so that we can make them available at

each site for members to give to unchurched friends as invitations to Christmas services at Grace. Our Christmas service information will be included with each DVD.

Outreach to the unchurched is the primary purpose of these DVDs. However, members who would like to have their own copy or give one to family members or churched friends may make a \$5 donation to Grace's Outreach Fund for each one.

How can you be part of this Christmas Outreach?

Any of the following donations by November 15th will allow us to schedule wrapping events from November 16-29 and make them available right away.

- **1. Donate a roll of Christmas wrapping paper.** Designs may include trees, wreaths, holly, snowflakes, angels, the baby Jesus (and other Christian themes), or plain Christmas colors. Please do not choose Santa and reindeer or other designs that are quite a bit different from the story of our Savior's birth.
- 2. Donate a roll of invisible scotch tape.
- 3. Help wrap a few DVDs. We'll be announcing times at each site when this can be done.
- **4. Find an unchurched Neighbor, Acquaintance, Friend, or Relative** (or 5 or 10!) and give them one of these as a gift and invitation to worship our newborn Savior with us.
- **5. Make a donation to the Grace Outreach Fund.** Include in your regular envelope and note the special donation or use a separate envelope indicating your gift that will help us in sharing our Savior with others.



Grace is one congregation at FOUR places!

Enjoy worship, Bible study and activities at Grace locations in Benson, Sahuarita, Tucson and Vail.

This Week at Grace • Nov 8-Nov 15

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TUCSON Today Worship Services	Wednesday Midweek Bible Study: Church History	
Coffee Fellowship following both services	Thursday Women's Bible Study: <i>Titus</i>	
The Life of Christ: Jesus' Last Days	Saturday Christian Fellowship Group Potluck & Cross Project 12:00p	
Monday Handbell Practice4:30p English as a Second Language Classes6:30p	Sunday Worship Services/Communion	
Tuesday English as a Second Language Classes6:30p	Youth Confirmation Class	
SAHUARITA Today	• The Life of Christ: Jesus' Last Days	
Worship Service	VAIL Today	
Wednesday Bible Study: Parables of Jesus	Adult Bible Study: Church-Mission-Ministry9:00a Children's Sunday School9:00a	
Friday Roast Beef Dinner & Craft Fair @ Grace-Tucson 4:30-6:30p	Youth Confirmation Class 9:00a Worship Service 10:00a	
Sunday Worship Service9:45a Coffee Fellowship following worship	Coffee Fellowship following worship Friday Roast Beef Dinner & Craft Fair @ Grace-Tucson4:30-6:30p	
BENSON Today Worship Service/Communion	Sunday Adult Bible Study: Church-Mission-Ministry	

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Friday

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For more information about our synod and what we believe visit: www.wels.net