

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2015



"Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

2 Kings 6:16 (NIV)

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Tucson, AZ



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.

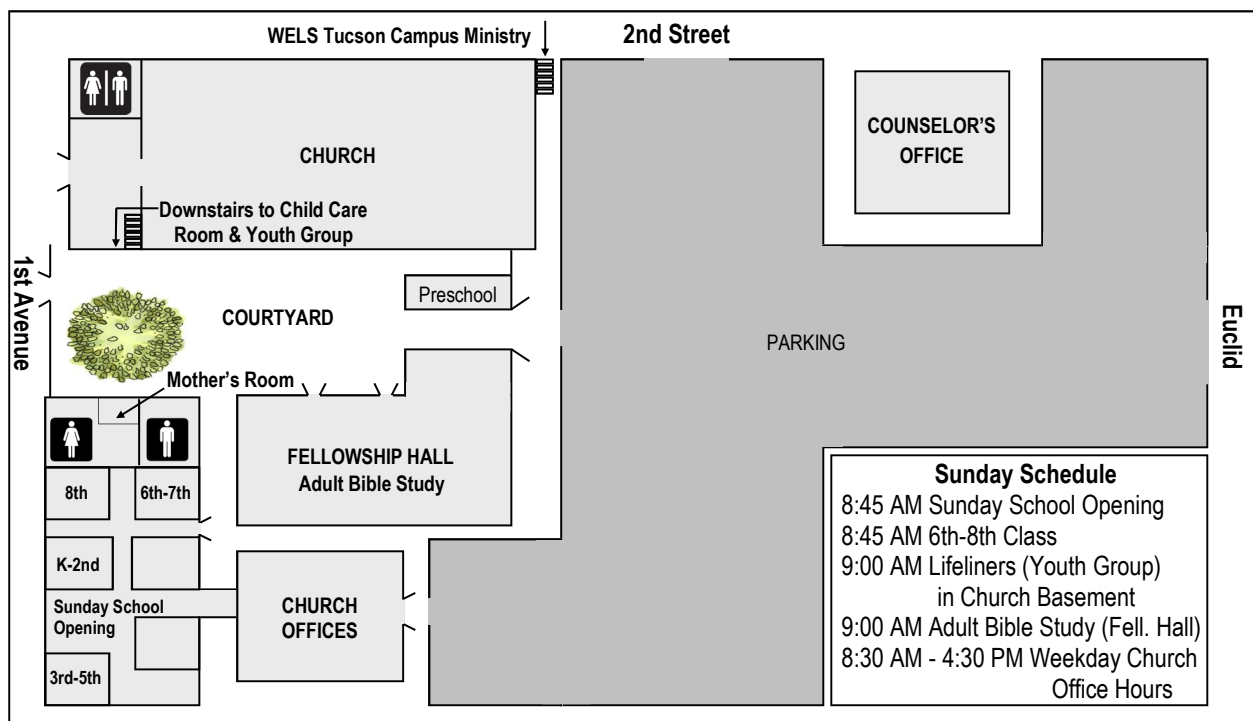
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



DIVINE SERVICE II
Christian Worship Supplement

WELCOME

HYMN

How Firm a Foundation
Christian Worship #416

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.

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.

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM—
It Is Well with My Soul
Arr. by Victor Labenske

This beloved hymn was written in 1873 by Horatio Spafford. After having suffered many tragedies (including the deaths of his daughters), he was inspired to write a hymn that expressed his continued trust in the Lord. The tune Ville Du Havre was named for the ship that sank while carrying his daughters aboard.

10:00 AM—
Be Still, My Soul
Tune by Jean Sibelius,
Arr. by Cindy Berry

Kyrie is the Greek word for Lord. The expression "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian Church.

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.

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.

GLORY BE TO GOD Luke 2:14


Gloria in Excelsis

Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction.

(Sung to the tune of "I Know that My Redeemer Lives," Christian Worship #152)



1. All glo - ry be to God on high! Your name, O
 2. Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring, For your great
 3. O Lamb of God, to you we pray. You take all
 4. You, Christ, are ho - ly Lord a - lone; The Fa - ther's



Lord, we glo - ri - fy; We praise you for your peace and
 glo - ry, heav'n - ly King, For all, O Fa - ther, you have
 hu - man sin a - way. Have mer - cy, Lord; Re - ceive our
 glo - ry you made known. We by your Spir - it sing a -



grace, Your fav - or toward our fall - en race.
 done Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
 prayer; From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
 gain: "All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; 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

FIRST LESSON

When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh, my lord, what shall we do?" the servant asked. "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are

2 Kings 6:15-17 (NIV)

with us are more than those who are with them." And Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes so he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

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 OF THE DAY

PSALM 65

Refrain



Psalm Tone



1. Praise awaits / you, O God,* you call forth / songs of joy.
2. You care for the land and / water it;*
you soften it with showers and / bless its crops.
3. The streams of God are filled with / water*
to provide the peo- / ple with grain.

Refrain

4. You crown the year with your / bounty,*
and your carts overflow with a- / bundance.
5. The grasslands of the desert / overflow;* the hills are clothed with / gladness.
6. The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are man- / tled with grain;*
They shout for / joy and sing.
7. 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

The Psalms were the hymnbook of the Old Testament. These poems, inspired by God, have been set to music and used in the worship lives of God's people for thousands of years. We give praise to God and encouragement to one another as we incorporate the singing of Psalms or selected verses of Psalms into our worship services.

SECOND LESSON

“To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God’s creation. I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become

Revelation 3:14-22 (NIV)

rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see. Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

VERSE OF THE DAY

Romans 10:17



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the mes - sage is heard through the

Word of Christ. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand

GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:23-29 (NIV)

M: The Gospel according to John chapter fourteen.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

Jesus replied, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have

said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

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

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Walk in Danger All the Way
Christian Worship #431

SERMON

2 Kings 6:8-23
God's Got You Covered

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.

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.

Please be seated

OFFERING

Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation's work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God's kingdom.

Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the row and pass it along. Thank You!



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

OFFERTORY — Piano & Saxophone Duet

Easter Medley

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness (st. 3)

*This is a sight that gladdens
What peace it does impart!
Now nothing ever saddens
The joy within my heart.
No gloom shall ever shake,
No foe shall ever take
The hope which God's own Son
In love for me has won.*

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won (st. 4)

*Jesus lives! I know full well
Nothing me from him shall sever,
Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell
Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be a sure defense;
This shall be my confidence.*

Arr. by Kathy Parra

This arrangement is based on Easter hymns 156 & 145 from The Christian Worship Hymnal.

Please stand

Christians stand for congregational prayer showing the freedom of God's children to come boldly into his presence. The Christian theologian Augustine (400 AD) adds, "We pray standing. . . as a sign of the Resurrection."

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH—EASTER SEASON

M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! 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.

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.

Please be seated

HYMN

If God Himself Be for Me
Christian Worship #419

Thank You

Pete and Terry Kosanke wish to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during their recent health issues.

Pastor Kassulke Receives A Divine Call

Pastor Kassulke has received a Divine Call to serve as pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, WI. This means that he now holds two Calls, one from Grace in Southern Arizona and one from Grace in Milwaukee. He is deliberating whether to accept the new Call or to decline it and continue his work in Tucson. The decision will be made with prayer and careful consideration, based on where Pastor Kassulke believes he can best use his God-given talents to serve God's kingdom. Pastor Kassulke welcomes your prayers, not only for him, but also for his family and for both churches. He would also be pleased to speak to or hear from anyone with questions or comments.

Today's Adult Bible Study (9:00 in the Fellowship Hall) will look at the Doctrine of the Call as well as this specific call to Grace, Milwaukee.

Quarterly Offering Statements Available

Those who use the offering envelopes 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.

Favorite Hymns Survey

Did you know that the red Christian Worship hymnal that we frequently use in our worship services is now 22 years old? Did you know that plans are in the works to make a new hymnal available within the WELS in the year 2024? You can learn about this hymnal project through the website at <http://welshymnal.com/>.

In preparation for that hymnal, the committee that is working on it has been seeking feedback from pastors, teachers, and congregations. Now they are also seeking the help of WELS members in general. The WELS Hymnal Committee would like to know your favorite hymns, whether they are in the Christian Worship hymnal, the Christian Worship Supplement (we have used hymns from the Supplement in our worship services by printing them in the worship folders. These hymns are numbered in the 700s.), or in The Lutheran Hymnal that our current hymnal replaced.

This favorite hymn survey being conducted is not a vote for what hymns to include in the next hymnal. Instead, it is to offer valuable feedback about what hymns are most beloved by WELS members so that the committee can take that information into account. Go to www.welshymnal.com/research/favorite-hymn-survey for more information and to take the survey about your favorite hymns.

GAINING GROUND—A Campaign To Benefit Arizona Lutheran Academy

ALA, our Lutheran High School in Phoenix, has been presented with an unbelievably generous offer from a local land developer. Mr. Michael Pollack has offered the adjacent 3.6 acre parcel of land on the southwest corner of 27th Avenue and Southern Avenue to ALA for one half of its appraised value. A purchase agreement has been signed and the school has been given until the end of September to raise the funds necessary to purchase the property. We will be informing you of the "Gaining Ground" fund-raising campaign in weeks to come and asking you to prayerfully consider a monetary gift to aid this endeavor.



**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 • May 10-May 17

TUCSON

Today

Worship Services7:45 & 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):
• *Doctrine of the Call* 9:00a
WELS TCM Finals Stress-Relief Cookout 6:00p

Monday

English as a 2nd Language End of Year Potluck.... 6:30p

Wednesday

Midweek Bible Study: *Church History*..... 10:00a
Midweek Bible Study: *Church History*..... 6:30p

Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *Leviticus* 9:00a

Friday

Precious Lambs Playgroup..... 9:30a

Sunday

Worship Services/Communion 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services.....
Children's Sunday School 8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class..... 8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study* 9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• *Doctrine of the Call*..... 9:00a

SAHUARITA

Today

Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship 9:45a

Wednesday

Bible Study: *Church-Mission-Ministry* 10:00a

Friday

Precious Lambs Playgroup 9:30a

Sunday

Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship 9:45a

VAIL

Today

Bible Study: *Joshua*..... 9:00a
Children's Sunday School 9:00a
Worship Service 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship.....

Monday

Bible Study at Rancho del Lago Golf Club 9:00a

Friday

Precious Lambs Playgroup..... 9:30a

Sunday

Bible Study: *Pastor Clemons*..... 9:00a
Children's Sunday School 9:00a
Worship Service 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship.....

BENSON

Today

Worship Service..... 7:30a

Friday

Precious Lambs Playgroup 9:30a

Sunday

Worship Service..... 7:30a

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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 Jeannette O'Donald, Nadine Rentschler and Russ & Sandy Weir. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Chris & Cora Stuhr in celebration of their 2nd wedding anniversary and in honor of their mother's, Barb Stuhr and Jody Kosanke.

Pastor Koehler is preaching at Grace-Sahuarita this morning.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Exodus 14:21-31
Revelation 19:11-16
Luke 24:44-53

Graduation Open House

You are invited to an open house for Arizona Lutheran Academy graduates Danny Koehler (son of Pastor and Debbie Koehler) and Josiah Weinstein (son of Outreach Elder Jeff and Stephanie Weinstein). It will be held at the Koehler's house at 2664 W. Lazybrook Drive on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th from 1 PM to 7 PM. Please come and celebrate with the boys!

Grace Polo Shirts & T-Shirts—Final Day to Order!

Polo shirts and t-shirts with the Grace logo are offered for sale at all four Grace locations. Youth, Ladies, and Men sizes are available. Photos of the shirt styles and colors will be available to help you make your selection. Prices: Poly/Cotton polo - \$14.50-\$19.50; Polyester Cool/Wicking polo \$24.00-\$26.50; T-shirts \$11.00-\$21.50. (Prices are slightly higher for XX and larger sizes.) **Today is the final day to place an order.** Payment should be made when shirts are ordered. See Sally Littau in the courtyard if you'd like to place an order.



Grace Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), a group of nearly 400,000 men, women, and children in nearly 1,300 congregations across the United States and Canada united by a common faith in Christ's saving love. We are committed to a common calling—encouraging each other in our faith and sharing God's gift of a Savior with the rest of the world.

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