# First Sunday after Pentecost— Holy Trinity



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church May 31, 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.

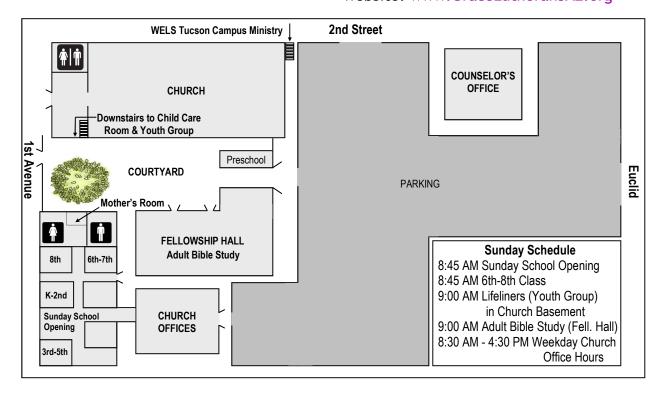
Hymns are found in our hymnal, Christian Worship, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



#### SERVICE OF THE WORD

Christian Worship

## VOICES OF GRACE (10:00 AM)

Holy and Mighty

7:45 AM— Holy God, We Praise Thy Name Arr. by Cindy Berry

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

Holy and Mighty is based on Hymn 195.

Holy, holy, holy and mighty. . . is our God!

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty. Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy and mighty. . . is our God!

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, who was and is and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy. . .

**WELCOME** 

HYMN

Come, Now, Almighty King Christian Worship #193

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.

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.

Te Deum



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ: in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.



#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (7:45 AM)

- M: In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought Atanacio to be baptized. Jesus told us: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." It is in baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God's Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.
- M: Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart (†) to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

Atanacio Edward George Carrasco, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

#### **EXHORTATION**

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Atanacio may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

- C: Yes, as God gives me strength.
- M: Let us pray: Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on Atanacio and grant him a rich measure of your Spirit that he may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.
- C: Amen.

## THE WORD

#### **FIRST LESSON**

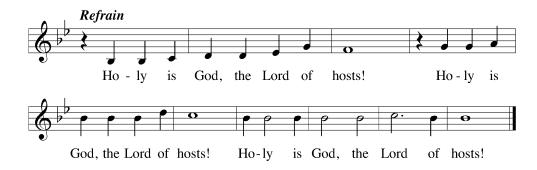
The LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you

Numbers 6:22-27 (NIV)

and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."

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 150





Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of <u>power</u>; praise him for his surpassing <u>great</u>ness.

#### Refrain

Praise him with the sounding of the <u>trumpet</u>, praise him with the <u>harp</u> and lyre,

praise him with tambourine and <u>danc</u>ing, praise him with <u>strings</u> and flute,

praise him with the clash of <u>cym</u>bals, praise him with resounding <u>cym</u>bals.

Let everything that has breath <u>praise</u> the LORD. Praise <u>the</u> LORD.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning, is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

#### **SECOND LESSON**

1 John 5:5-12 (NIV)

Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. We accept man's testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the

testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart. Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY** (10 AM—Sung by the Voices of Grace)

M: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of His glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Please stand

#### **GOSPEL**

"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring

glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you."

John 16:12-15 (NIV)

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

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Alleluia! Let Praises Ring Christian Worship #241

**SERMON** 

Numbers 6:22-27 You Belong to the Triune God

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#### ATHANASIAN CREED

- M: Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith. Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever. Now this is the true Christian faith: We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.
- C: For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct, but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.

This is the Hebrew name for God often pronounced Yahweh or Jehovah and expressed as "LORD" in many Bible translations.

The Athanasian Creed is a Christian statement of beliefs that has served the Church for over 1500 years.

It leads us to confess with absolute certainty that we have a Triune God—that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are three distinct persons, yet only one God!

- M: What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit. The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated; the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite; the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;
- C: yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal, just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite, but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.
- M: In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, and the Holy Spirit is almighty; yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty. So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; yet they are not three Gods, but one God. So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord; yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.
- C: For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord, so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.
- M: The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone. The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone. The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.
- C: So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- M: And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior, but all three persons are coequal and coeternal, so that in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshiped as one God and one God worshiped as three persons.
- C: Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.
- M: It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation truly to believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh. Now this is the true Christian faith: We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.
- C: He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man, born in time from the nature of his mother, fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh, equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity;
- M: and though he is both God and Man, Christ is not two persons but one, one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God; one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person; for just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being, so God and man are one Christ.
- C: He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead. He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, and from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
- M: At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds. Those who have done good will enter eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.
- C: This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

#### **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—TRINITY SUNDAY

M: Triune God, you are the one eternal God, whose name we praise forever. We could not have known you, our only Savior, if you had not revealed yourself to us as Father, Son and Spirit—three persons, yet one God. Remove from us all unbelief, and grant us humble faith as we contemplate this high and holy mystery.

God our Father, whatever good is in us and whatever good we do, comes from you alone. In you we live and move and have our being. Open our eyes to see the gifts you shower down upon us daily—purely out of your own fatherly love and care.

Lord Jesus our Savior, you came into the world to make the Father known to us; you joined yourself to us by taking on our humanity; you brought us back to God by shedding your blood. You bore the punishment for sin that we deserved and you did not. In the bright new hope of your resurrection, teach us to offer our lives each day in praise to God and in love to others.

Creator Spirit, you have opened our eyes by the bright light of your Word; you have breathed into us new life by the power of the gospel. Through Word and Sacrament, help us grow in our understanding of how high and wide and deep is the love of our God. Make us determined to battle our sin. In weakness be our strength, that we may show ourselves as God's true children: faithful in prayer, constant in hope, and abounding in love.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

- M: O Holy Trinity, you are the God of glory, the God of grace, the God of every comfort. From you and through you and to you are all things. We rejoice to call you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and live to praise your holy name forever. Amen.
- C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.



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OFFERTORY MUSIC:

**7:45 AM**— Holy, Holy, Holy Arr. by Victor Labenske 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**

O Blessed, Holy Trinity Christian Worship #584

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.



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."

#### **BLESSING**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



Please be seated

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

## May the Grace of Christ Our Savior Christian Worship #326

## THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher	Pastor Ron Koehler
Worship Leader	Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM)
Accompanists	Kathy Parra (7:45 AM)
	Tina Christianson (10:00 AM)
Voices of Grace Director	Beth Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Violin	Maya Parra (10:00 AM)
Percussion	Taylor & Maya Parra (10:00 AM)
Trumpet	Tyler Koehler
Ushers	Rick Street, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)
Mark Chris	tianson, Jon Dongoske, Jonathan Ganster (10:00 AM)
	Danny Koehler, Jon Miller, Dustin Pauley (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech	Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)

POSTLUDE: 7:45 AM— Doxology Arr. by Victor

Labenske

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#### **NEXT SUNDAY**

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

> Joshua 5:13-6:5,20 James 1:2-12 Luke 7:1-10

#### **Grace-Tucson Service Live-Streamed**

If you are traveling this summer you can tune in to Grace's live-streamed 10 AM service each Sunday at <a href="https://www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org/ServiceVideo">www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org/ServiceVideo</a> or view it later in the archives.

## Celebrate the Kassulkes Today!

Pastor Kassulke's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the ministry and as pastor at Grace will be celebrated at a special fellowship served by Bryan and Teri Guenther after the 10 AM worship service at Grace-Tucson TODAY! Pastor and Beth, along with their children, have been such a blessing to our church family! While gifts are not asked for, cards are welcome. The Kassulke family, which is spread out across the country, will enjoy a large, family vacation at Disney this summer. If you would like give a gift toward that you may. Questions may be directed to Teri Guenther at 235-1177.

#### **Divine Call Extended**

At Grace's Call Meeting on Saturday, May 9, a Divine Call was extended to Pastor Brian Hackmann (pronounced Hock-man). Pastor Hackmann currently serves at Peace Lutheran Church in Eagle River, Alaska. Please keep Pastor Hackmann, his wife Tricia and their 4 children in your prayers as he considers this Call. Also, please keep in your prayers the ongoing gospel ministry in Eagle River and here at Grace!

#### **Memorial Service**

A Memorial Service for Navonne Baxter will be held at Grace-Tucson this Wednesday, June 3 at 1:30 PM.

## **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 <a href="http://welshymnal.com/">http://welshymnal.com/</a>.

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 <a href="https://www.welshymnal.com/research/favorite-hymn-survey">www.welshymnal.com/research/favorite-hymn-survey</a> for more information and to take the survey about your favorite hymns. **Today is the final day to take the survey.** 

#### Vacation Bible School & VBS Picnic!

Grace's summer Vacation Bible School themed *Making Tracks* will be June 8-12, from 9:00 until 11:30 AM at Grace-Tucson. For more information about VBS or to register, please visit <a href="https://www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org/vbs">www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org/vbs</a>. VBS registration forms, which can also be used to invite friends, are also available on the back counter.

The VBS closing service starts at 10:00 AM on Sunday, June 14 at Grace-Tucson with the VBS picnic to follow on site. **Grace members are asked to bring a side dish and dessert to share for the picnic.** Grace will be providing hot dogs and hamburgers.

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

## **Church and Facility Security**

During these summer months, please remember to <u>turn off lights</u>, <u>reset thermostats</u>, and <u>lock doors</u> behind you when you leave the church property. Thank you!

### **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 the Guenther families. 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 Jeanette O'Donald thanking God for all her blessings.

## **Baptism**

Atanacio Edward George Carrasco, son of Jesse and Erin Carrasco, born on April 6, will be made a forgiven child of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in 7:45 AM worship this morning.

## **Voters' Meeting Today**

The Voters' Meeting for our congregation is this afternoon at 2:00 PM. The meeting will be in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. A booklet with Pastor and Council reports can be found in the Fellowship Hall. This keeps members up to date on Grace's ministry activities and helps voters prepare for the meeting.



## 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 31-June 7

TUCSON Today  Worship Services	Thursday Women's Bible Study: Leviticus
Wednesday Midweek Bible Study: Church History	

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BENSON	
Today	
Worship Service	7:30a
Voters' Meeting at Grace-Tucson	2:00p
Sunday	
Worship Service	7:30a

VAIL	
Today	
Bible Study: Joshua	
Children's Sunday School	9:00a
Worship Service	10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship	
Voters' Meeting at Grace-Tucson	2:00p
Monday	
Bible Study at Rancho del Lago Golf Club	9:00a
Sunday	
Bible Study: Joshua	9:00a
Children's Sunday School	
Worship Service	
Coffee Fellowship following worship	

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