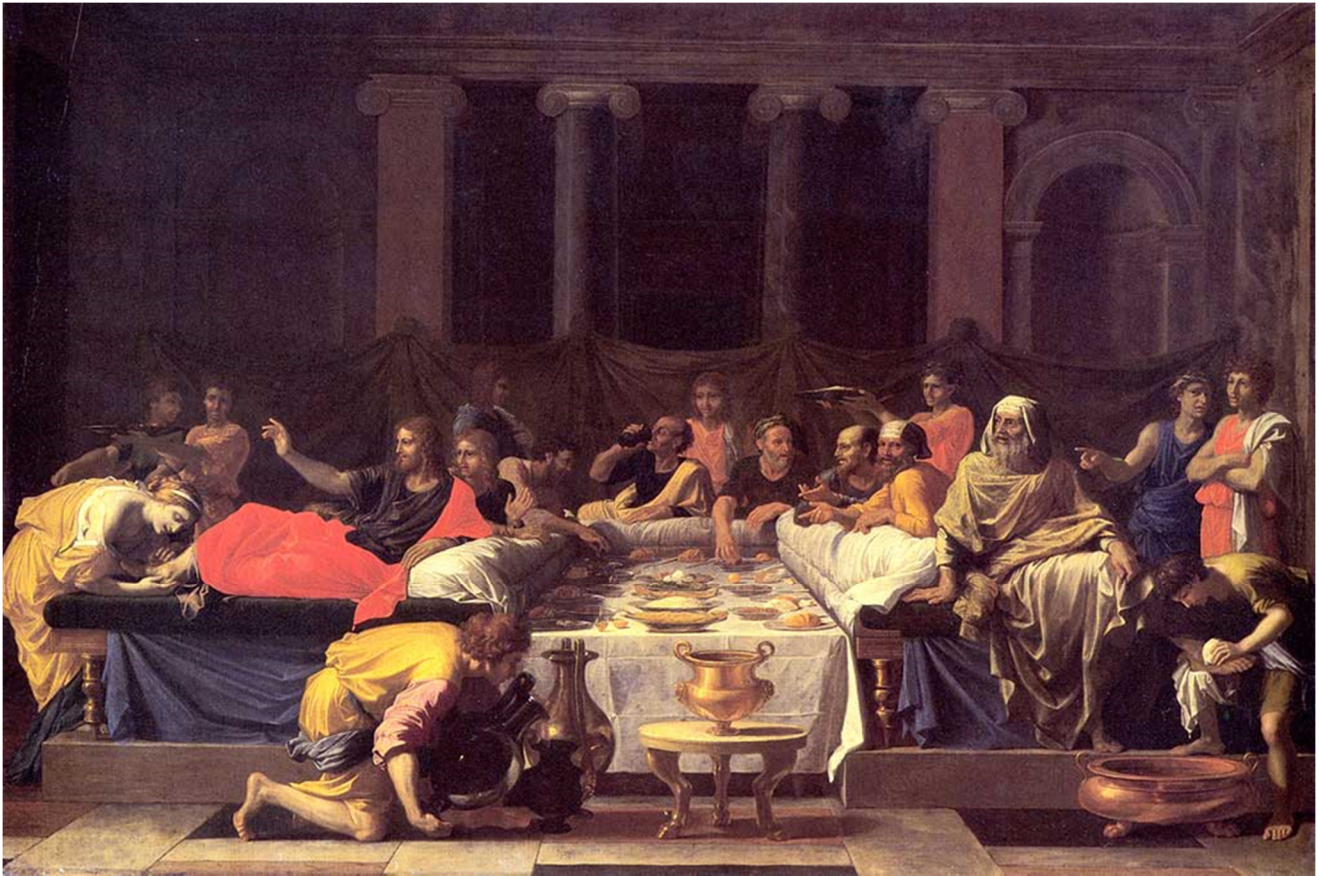


Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2015



The Anointing of Jesus at Simon the Pharisee's House

Nicolas Poussin c. 1650

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.

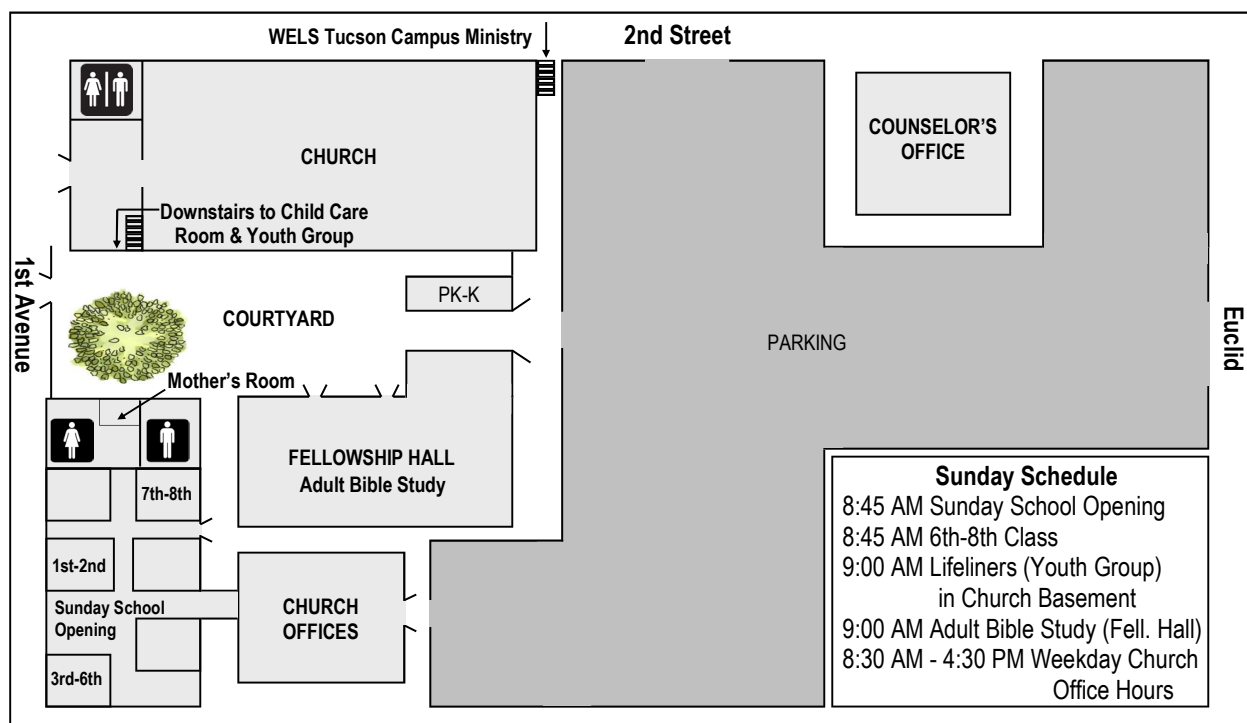
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Christian Worship

WELCOME

HYMN

Come Unto Me, Ye Weary
Christian Worship #336

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: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.

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

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM—
Just As I Am,
Without One Plea
Arr. by Cindy Berry

10:00 AM—
Dear Christians, One
and All, Rejoice
By Nancy Raabe

"Dear Christians one
and all, rejoice,
with exultation
springing,
and with united
heart and voice and
holy rapture singing
Proclaim the
wonders God has
done, How His right
arm the vict'ry won.
How dearly it has
cost Him."

*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.*

*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: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD



O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



Al might y God, mer-ci-ful Fa-ther, you crown our lifewith your love.



You take a-way our sin; you com-fort our spir it; you make us pure and

This vibrant song of praise, composed for the Christian Worship hymnal, leads the congregation to respond to the absolution with thanksgiving and praise. It specifically praises God for all that he has done for us in Christ. The title and refrain echo verses of Psalm 8.

ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,
 but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.
 O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,
 you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;
 you washed us from our sins in your own blood.
 You are the King of glo - ry; you are the Lord!
 O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

Please be seated

THE WORD

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.

FIRST LESSON

Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem fifty-five years. He did evil in the eyes of the LORD, following the detestable practices of the nations the LORD had driven out before the Israelites. He rebuilt the high places his father Hezekiah had demolished; he also erected altars to the Baals and made Asherah poles. He bowed down to all the starry hosts and worshiped them. He built altars in the temple of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, "My Name will remain in Jerusalem forever." In both courts of the temple of the LORD, he built altars to all the starry hosts. He sacrificed his sons in the fire in the Valley of Ben Hinnom, practiced sorcery, divination and witchcraft, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the eyes of the LORD, provoking him to anger.

The LORD spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they paid no attention. So the LORD brought against them the army commanders of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh prisoner, put a hook in his nose, bound him with bronze shackles and took him to Babylon. In his distress he sought the favor of the LORD his God and humbled

2 Chronicles 33:1-6, 10-18 (NIV)

himself greatly before the God of his fathers. And when he prayed to him, the LORD was moved by his entreaty and listened to his plea; so he brought him back to Jerusalem and to his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD is God. Afterward he rebuilt the outer wall of the City of David, west of the Gihon spring in the valley, as far as the entrance of the Fish Gate and encircling the hill of Ophel; he also made it much higher. He stationed military commanders in all the fortified cities in Judah. He got rid of the foreign gods and removed the image from the temple of the LORD, as well as all the altars he had built on the temple hill and in Jerusalem; and he threw them out of the city. Then he restored the altar of the LORD and sacrificed fellowship offerings and thank offerings on it, and told Judah to serve the LORD, the God of Israel. The people, however, continued to sacrifice at the high places, but only to the LORD their God. The other events of Manasseh's reign, including his prayer to his God and the words the seers spoke to him in the name of the LORD, the God of Israel, are written in the annals of the kings of Israel.

SECOND LESSON

Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (NIV)

swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 20:31

C: A - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! These words are
writ - ten that we may be - lieve that Je - sus is the Christ, the
Son of God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Verse of the Day is a familiar or significant Scripture text framed with alleluias.

Please stand

GOSPEL

Now one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, so he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. When a woman who had lived a sinful life in that town learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster jar of perfume, and as she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner." Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. "Two men owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Now

Luke 7:36-50 (NIV)

which of them will love him more?" Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said. Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little." Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

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

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Just As I Am, without One Plea
Christian Worship #397

SERMON

Luke 7:36-50
Your Greatest Need

Please stand

NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

OFFERING

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

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

Please stand

The Nicene Creed was first developed in 325 at the First Council of Nicea. It was written to reaffirm the Biblical teaching of the divinity of Jesus, God's Son. Like the Apostles' and Athanasian Creeds, the Nicene Creed is a confession of what the Bible teaches.



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

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM—
Jesus Paid It All
Arr. by Victor Labenske

10:00 AM—
Just as I Am
Tune by Joseph Barnby
Setting by Patricia Kayser

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: **Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

M: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: **Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

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.

7:45 AM — Please continue on page 9 with the Words of Institution.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



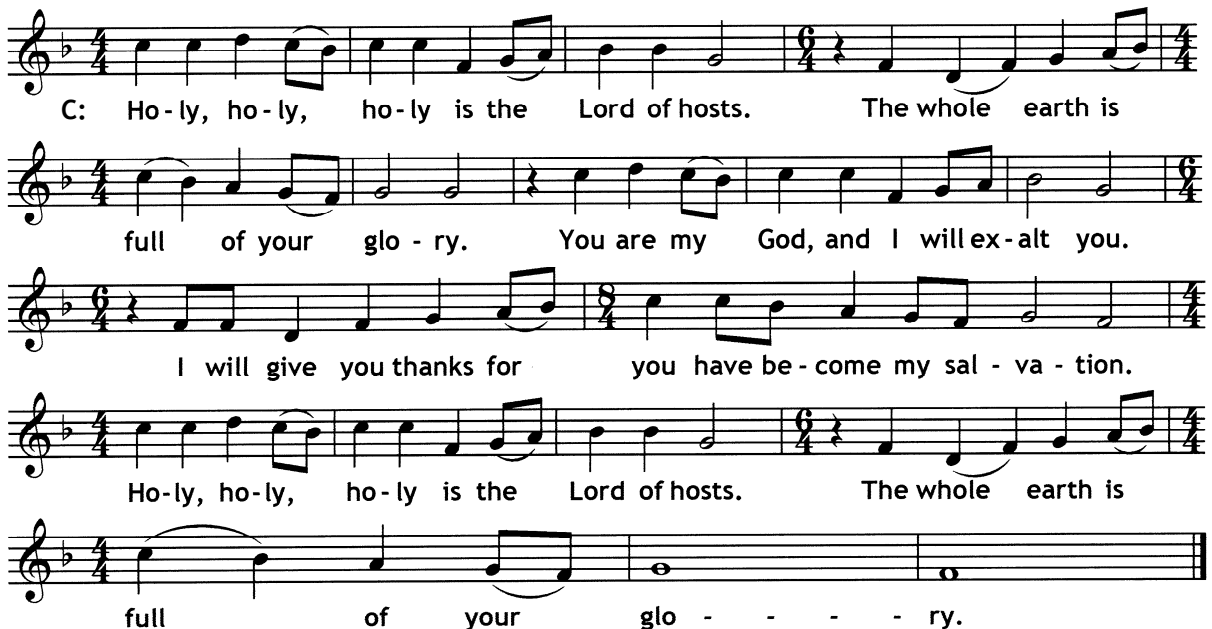
C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

This ancient worship song is based on songs of praise recorded in Isaiah 6 and Psalm 118.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

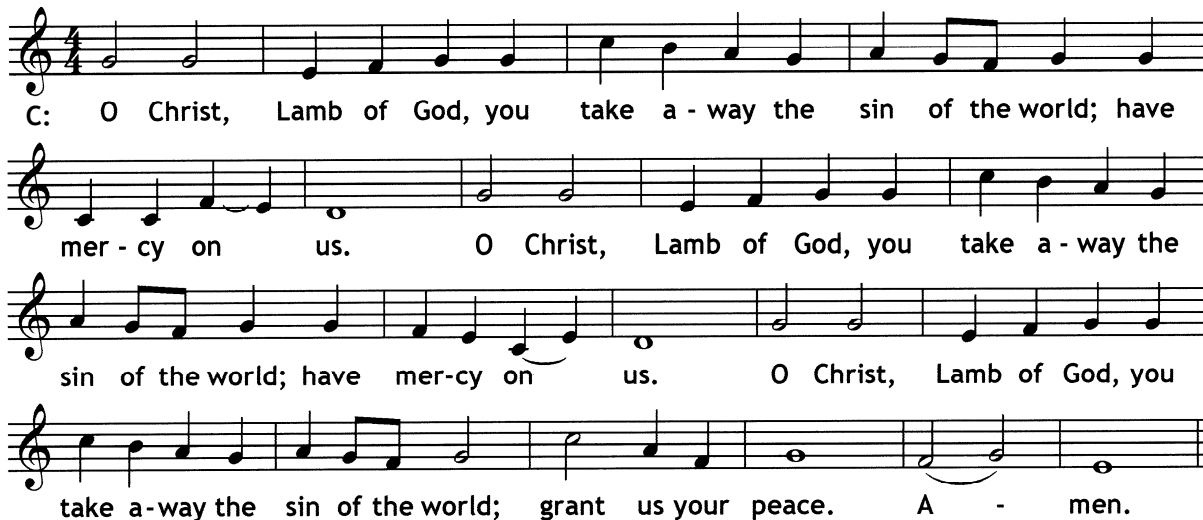
The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

The Bible teaches that the Lord's Supper is a unique communion of Christ and the individual believer as well as a coming together of people who hold to the same beliefs. Because of these Scriptural truths, we practice **Member Communion** at Grace. Those who are confirmed members of Wisconsin Synod congregations (WELS) are invited to receive the Lord's Supper with us.

If you are not a WELS member but have an interest in receiving Holy Communion, please speak with one of our pastors after church today or at another time. We are aware that there are a number of other teachings about Holy Communion, and we want it to be a blessing for you, so we would look forward to sharing with you what God says about this Sacrament.

We provide **gluten-free communion wafers** for those with wheat allergy, gluten-sensitivity or celiac disease. These wafers are stored and handled separately to avoid cross-contamination. They are "bread" as Scripture requires and are consecrated along with the rest of the bread. For those requiring gluten-free wafers, please take one from the container on the stand located at the front rail as you approach for communion. Simply hold it so that the pastor can see it at the time of distribution.

Grape juice is available for those who for health or medical reason require it instead of wine. Please speak with a pastor about providing grape juice for you on future Sundays.

Please stand

THANK THE LORD

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise.
Tell ev-'ry one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear his name. He re - news his prom - is - es and
leads his peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Allelu - ia!

PRAYER

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

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 on you and be gracious to you.

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

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Please be seated

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." Numbers 6:27

CLOSING HYMN

Drawn to the Cross
Christian Worship #387

Preacher Pastor Sam Clemons
Worship Leader Pastor Ron Koehler (10:00 AM)
Communion Assistants..... Member Ministry Elder Jason Watson (10:00 AM)
 Outreach Elder Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Accompanists..... Kathy Parra (7:45 AM), Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Ushers Rick Street, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)
 Dave Breitreitz, Ed Ethington, Danny Koehler (10:00 AM)
 Tyler Koehler, Ferdie Kramm, Josiah Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Altar Prep Team Lauri Colton, Audrey Nessinger, Jeanette O'Donald

7:45 AM—
*Rock of Ages, Cleft
for Me*
CW #389

10:00 AM—
To God Be the Glory
CW #399

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Although Grace is the only 4-site congregation in the WELS, more of our congregations are realizing the benefits of becoming a multi-site church. Merging two existing congregations to preserve and strengthen church locations and establishing new mission sites are two common reasons to do this. Pastors around the country are contacting us to hear how we have done it and how we are doing. While we don't have all the answers and we're still working on many things, the Lord is certainly blessing us and it is a blessing to be able to help our brothers and sisters in Christ as they embark on a similar journey! Below is an excerpt from the most recent WELS *Together* publication, sharing the exciting news for another Arizona congregation and one we've had the privilege of sharing with as they worked toward this day!

Earlier this month the Board for Home Missions (BHM) authorized funding for a new mission as well as for enhancing a self-supporting ministry. The new mission is a multi-site effort of Cross of Glory, Peoria, Arizona. Cross of Glory, a congregation of 269 members in the greater Phoenix area, is planning to establish a second site in nearby Vistancia, a growing community eight miles west of the congregation. The community's current population is 16,000, but it is projected to grow to more than 70,000 people; currently only one Protestant church is in the area. Cross of Glory already has been canvassing in that community. Funding will allow the congregation to provide the necessary facilities in Vistancia and to call a second pastor to lead outreach efforts, do prospect follow-up, and eventually begin Bible study and worship services at the new site.

We rejoice with Cross of Glory and pray for gospel efforts! You can sign up for a free email subscription to *Together* and other WELS publications by using this link: <http://www.wels.net/wels-subscriptions>

On Wednesday, July 1, a new Bible Study series will begin at Grace-Sahuarita. Join Pastor Koehler for this revealing study of the stories Jesus told. You are encouraged to invite an unchurched friend or family member to come along with you. We will meet on Wednesdays at 10 AM in the fellowship and Bible study room.

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 Sally Littau, Nancy Miles and Lois Thornton. 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 Sean & Mary Brearcliffe in remembrance of Erin Carrasco's baptism 20 years ago.

NEXT SUNDAY

*Next week's Scripture Lessons for
Devotional Reading this Week*

Genesis 39:6b-12, 16-23
Hebrews 11:24-26
Luke 9:18-24

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 www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org/ServiceVideo or view it later in the archives.

2015 WELS Convention Preview

On Saturday, June 6, the pastors, male teachers, and lay representatives from many congregations within our Saguaro Circuit (Tucson and southeastern Arizona) met to prepare for the Synod Convention, which takes place July 27-30 in Saginaw, Michigan. Grace was represented by three laymen who each worship regularly at a different site. We were unable to find a representative from Benson whose schedule could include the meeting. Grace asked these representatives to each write a summary of the experience to share with their respective site. Below is Dennis Miller's description.

I enjoyed being involved as a layperson representative for the BORAM (Book of Reports and Memorials) meeting. I know the synod is very busy around the world, but this close up look gave me a very good glimpse of exactly how much they are doing. The outlook for the goals of the synod are ambitious, and they rely on congregations contributing on CMO (Congregational Mission Offerings). It is amazing how much support our congregations give the synod through their offerings! As presented in the BORAM, the goals the synod is trying to achieve all have the people ready to work toward achieving them. The reports are very thorough as to what they wish to do. What is not presented is a plan for how they intend to fund the programs outside of CMO. It is clear by their reports they do not expect to meet the financial needs needed to accomplish all their goals. Some choices will have to be made as to what projects can be completed now, which will have to wait, and which will be cut. I do not envy the choices leaders in these areas will have to make, as all of their goals would be a blessing to our synod, our colleges, and those who would hear the gospel if the programs were to be funded. They should/need to look for other funding options to meet their goals outside the CMO in order to meet their ambitious goals. As for the CMO, only we as a congregation can increase our CMO. We can either come up with our own fundraising plans for the CMO or increase giving toward the CMO while still balancing our ambitious goals as a congregation.

Dennis Miller



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at FOUR places!**

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

This Week at Grace • June 21-June 28

TUCSON

Today

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) 9:00a
• *The Life of Christ: Jesus' Last Days* 9:00a

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Sunday

Worship Services 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services
Children's Sunday School 8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class 8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study* 9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• *The Life of Christ: Jesus' Last Days* 9:00a
Call Meeting at Grace-Tucson 2:00p

SAHUARITA

Today

Worship Service 9:45a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

Wednesday

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

Sunday

Worship Service 9:45a
Coffee Fellowship following worship
Call Meeting at Grace-Tucson 2:00p

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

Sunday

Bible Study: *Joshua* 9:00a
Children's Sunday School 9:00a
Worship Service/Communion 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship
Call Meeting at Grace-Tucson 2:00p

BENSON

Today

Worship Service 7:30a

Wednesday

Bible Study: *What is the Church?* 7:00p

Sunday

Worship Service/Communion 7:30a
Call Meeting at Grace-Tucson 2:00p

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ALA Gaining Ground Support

Arizona Lutheran Academy (ALA), our area Lutheran High School in Phoenix, has been offered an opportunity to purchase land adjacent to its current property. This land is a highly desirable corner lot which would provide excellent visibility for the school and offers many options for its immediate and long-term use. And the land is being offered to ALA for approximately half of its market value. ALA's Board of Directors has decided to go forward with an aggressive campaign to be able to complete the purchase and to fund a number of other vital needs. The goal is to raise one million dollars by the end of September of this year, the deadline for making the final payment on the property.

At their meeting in May, Grace's voters approved a plan for Grace to support this campaign and to encourage interested members to do the same. They approved an expenditure of up to \$10,000 from the General Bequest Fund to be used to match the first \$10,000 that Grace members contribute to this effort. You can support this effort with special gifts to the "ALA Land Fund" that has been established at Grace. The first \$10,000 in donations received to this fund will be matched and sent to ALA for their "Gaining Ground" campaign. Learn more about the this campaign at ALA's website, www.alacoyotes.org.

Voters' Meeting Update

In addition to the support for ALA's Gaining Ground Campaign, the voters approved several changes to Grace's bylaws, including one to grant voting rights on the Church Council to the representatives from Grace-Benson and Grace-Sahuarita. They adjusted the 2015 Ministry Spending Plan (MSP) to reflect our current situation and the fact that a pastor has not yet accepted our Call to serve in Sahuarita. Grace's voters also approved a plan to provide an annual scholarship to Grace members who are students at Wisconsin Lutheran College (WELS) and Bethany Lutheran College (ELS).

Call Declined

After much prayer and careful deliberation, Pastor Brian Hackmann has announced his decision to decline the Call extended to him to serve as Grace's Mission Pastor to Sahuarita. We wish him God's blessings as he continues his service in Eagle River, Alaska. We also trust that God will continue to bless our congregation as we continue the calling process and await the man the Lord of the Church has in mind to serve us. **The next Call Meeting is scheduled for next Sunday, June 28 at 2:00 PM at Grace-Tucson.**

Member Information Update

A letter was sent out this week with two information sheets for members and friends of Grace to fill out and return. These forms allow you to share contact information as well as information about your family, your gifts and talents, and ways that you would be interested in serving at church. Please complete these forms and return them to Grace by the end of July. You can drop them off in the gray box (in the Courtyard) this morning or in the future. You can also fill out an online version of the forms at www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org/profile. Thank you for your help!



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