

The Coming of the Holy Spirit— The Day of Pentecost



PENTECOST

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
May 15, 2016



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.

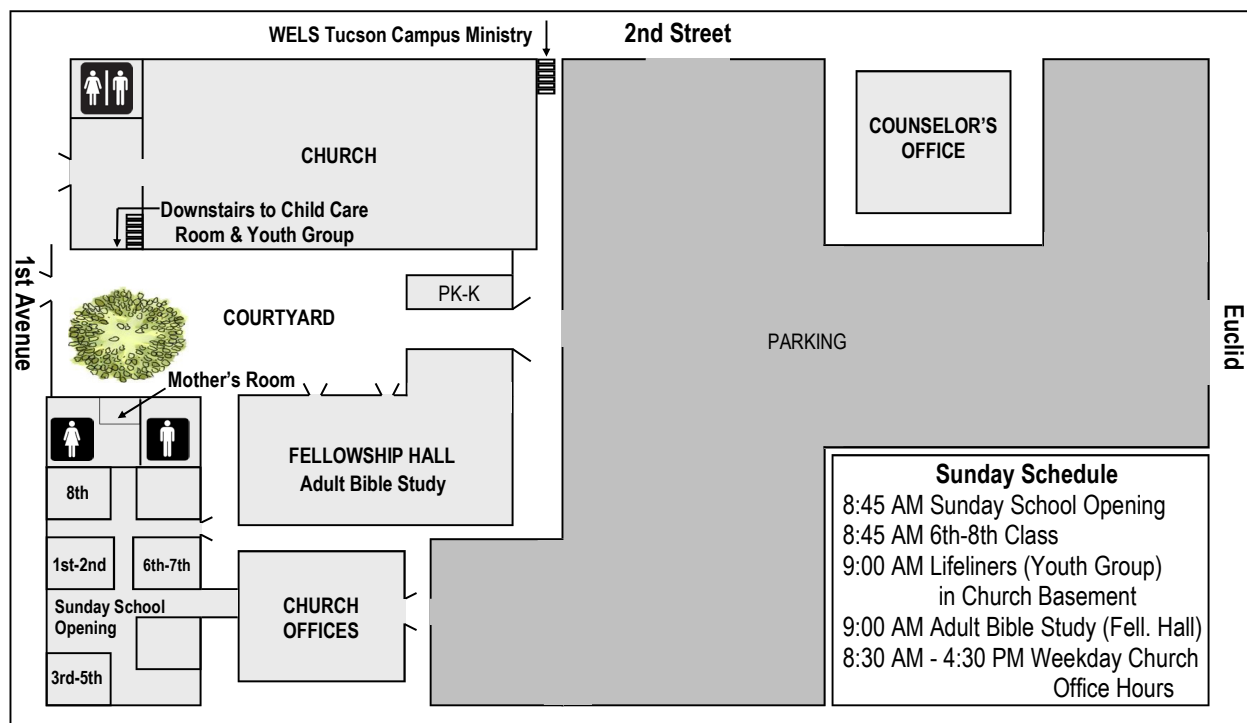
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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

This Day at Your Creating Word
Christian Worship #229

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.

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.

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM—
*Spirit of God,
Descend Upon My
Heart with O Breath
of Life*

Arr. by Cindy Berry

10:00 AM—
*Spirit of God,
Descend Upon My
Heart with O Breath
of Life*

Arr. by Cindy Berry

*Spirit, Spirit of
Gentleness*

*Arr. by David
Cherwien*

The Jewish Feast of Weeks or Feast of Harvest was the joyful giving thanks and offerings to the Lord for the new grain of the summer wheat harvest. This is one of three major festivals for which Jews travelled to Jerusalem to celebrate. It was celebrated 7 weeks (49 days) after Passover. The Greek word for it is PENTECOST, meaning 50, since it is celebrated on the 50th day. Pentecost has become for Christians a day to celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit because of the special blessings he gave to the Church on that day just after Christ's resurrection.

HYMN

Holy Spirit, God of Love Christian Worship #180

The vocalist will sing it through once. The congregation may join the second time.



Ho - ly Spir - it, God of love, Who our dark - ness bright - ens,
Poured on us from heav'n a - bove, And our faith en - light - ens,
In your light we gath - er here; Show us that Christ's prom - ise clear
Is A - men for - ev - er. Je - sus, our as - cend - ed Lord,
Oh, ful - fill your gra - cious Word; Bless us with your fa - vor!

THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

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

C: Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "O Sovereign LORD, you alone know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'" So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (NIV)

me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army. Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' Therefore prophecy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.'"

SECOND LESSON

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his

Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)

own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only

*Scripture lesson
continues on page 4.*

nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will

prophesy. I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'"

VERSE OF THE DAY

(From the antiphon: Come, Holy Spirit)

M: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

Please stand

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

GOSPEL

John 14:25-27 (NIV)

M: The Gospel according to John chapter fourteen.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

"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."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

CONFESSION OF FAITH from Luther's Catechism

M: The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

M: What does this mean?

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

Please be seated

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

SERMON

Psalm 51:10-15

A Prayer for Pentecost

1. Seeking Forgiveness
2. Desiring the Holy Spirit
3. Anticipating a Joyful Response

Please stand

VOICES OF GRACE

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God
Christian Worship #272

Psalm 51:10-12

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. 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!

7:45 AM — Please continue on page 7 with the Prayer For Pentecost.
10:00 AM—Please remain seated.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS BY PROFESSION OF FAITH (10:00 AM)

Bryan & Miriam Wright

Minister: Dear members of Grace, Bryan and Miriam Wright have recently joined our congregation by Profession of Faith. This means that they have been baptized and previously confirmed in a Lutheran church, find themselves in agreement with our teaching, and desire to be part of the family here at Grace.

M: Bryan and Miriam, so that the believers here might receive you in Christian love and so that you might have the opportunity to declare your faith and express your desire to join the church family here at Grace, I, in the name of this congregation, ask you to lift up your heart and joyfully answer these questions:



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

7:45 AM—
Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God
Christian Worship

10:00 AM—
Holy Spirit, Truth Divine
Setting by Wayne L. Wold

M: Do you desire to be a member here at Grace Lutheran Church?

New Members: I do.

M: Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

NM: I do.

M: Do you believe that the teaching of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and this congregation is faithful and true to the Word of God?

NM: I do.

M: Do you intend to grow in grace, strengthening your Christian faith through regular worship, reception of the sacrament and study of God's Word?

NM: I do.

M: Will you support with your prayers, time, talents and offerings the work our Lord has given to this congregation? If so, answer: I will, and I ask God to help me.

NM: I will, and I ask God to help me.

M: Having heard your promises, we, the members of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, receive you in fellowship and love, and invite you to share in our worship and mission, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The pastor addresses the congregation:

M: Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Hearing this confession of faith and these promises, are you willing to receive Bryan & Miriam Wright with Christian love into the family of believers here at Grace? Are you willing to befriend, encourage, support and pray for them as Christ commands?

Congregation: Yes, as God gives me strength.

PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, author and perfecter of our faith, in mercy you joined Bryan and Miriam to your Church when they were born again of water and the Spirit. In mercy you taught them your saving truth. Grant that they may continue to offer themselves as living sacrifices to you as their spiritual act of worship. Help us live in love and harmony with one another and work together in serving you. Keep us united in your Spirit, and bring us at last to your eternal kingdom, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: Bryan and Miriam, we welcome you to the family at Grace. Go in peace.

Please stand

PRAYER FOR PENTECOST

M: Dear Heavenly Father, since we live by the breath of your mouth and our souls need nourishment as well as our bodies,

C: **We are especially thankful that on Pentecost you poured out the gift of your Holy Spirit.**

M: By his power we have become your children through faith in Jesus Christ.

C: **As your children, we need constant renewal and strengthening of our faith.**

M: Lord Jesus, you promised your disciples that you would send the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, to teach them and remind them.

C: **We ask you to continue to send your Spirit to counsel us also, teaching us your Word and reminding us of your will and our mission as your people.**

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

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

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also 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 good and right so to do.**

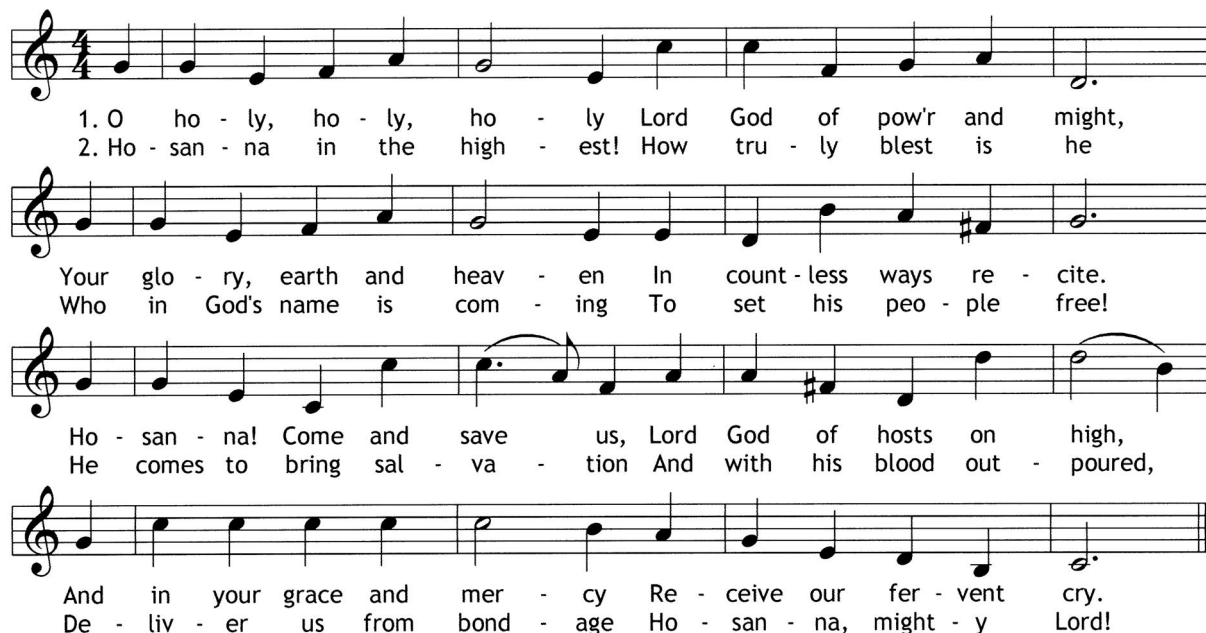
M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day poured out his promised Holy Spirit to testify to the truth and to remind his followers of everything he had said to them. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Sanctus means "holy." Used possibly as early as the second century, this canticle was in wide use among Christians in worship by the fourteenth century.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction.
(Sung to the tune of "The Day of Resurrection," Christian Worship #166)



1. O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might,
2. Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is he

Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In count - less ways re - cite.
Who in God's name is com - ing To set his peo - ple free!

Ho - san - na! Come and save us, Lord God of hosts on high,
He comes to bring sal - va - tion And with his blood out - poured,

And in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
De - liv - er us from bond - age Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26:26-28
1 Corinthians 11:24, 25

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."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD *Agnus Dei*

John 1:29



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 the pastor 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.

VOICES OF GRACE

Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word.

*And now, let Your servant, Lord, depart in heav'nly peace.
We have heard Your Holy Word, seen Your redeeming grace.
This salvation is a Light to light the Gentiles' way,
Lord of Glory, King Almighty with us here today.*

*REFRAIN: Thank the Lord and sing His praise; proudly let your voices raise.
Forth we go into the world, strengthened by His Holy Word,
Sins forgiven, our faith restored. Go in peace and serve the Lord.*

*As we go our sep'rate ways, united by Your love,
Fed and nourished by Your grace for life in heav'n above.
Bless us with desire to serve, great things You've done for us,
Took the death that we deserve: Your Son upon the cross. REFRAIN*

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.

*Glory be unto the Father, glory to the Son,
Glory be unto the Spirit, Holy Three in One.
As it was in the beginning, from eternity,
Our God is among us now and evermore shall be.*

*So all who seek the Lord rejoice! Let us make a joyful noise!
Forth we go into the world, strengthened by His Holy Word,
Sins forgiven, our faith restored. Go in peace and serve the Lord.*

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Please stand

PRAYER

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Renew Me, O Eternal Light
Christian Worship #471

Preacher	Pastor Ron Koehler
Worship Leader	Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Communion Assistants	Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM)
	Spiritual Needs Elder Jacob Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Accompanists	Kathy Parra (7:45 AM)
	Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Vocalist	Nicole Peterson (7:45 AM)
Voices of Grace Director	Beth Kassulke
Violin	Maya Parra
Percussion	Taylor Parra
Ushers	Vic Thornton, Rusty King (7:45 AM)
	Jon Dongoske, Jonathan Ganster, Danny Koehler (10:00 AM)
	Jon Miller, Rick Street (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech	Jeremy Snavelly (10:00 AM)
Altar Prep Team	Elaine Goldie, Karen Grorud, Gisela Kittel
Greeters	Gisela Kittel & Linda Morris

This afternoon, the Women's Fellowship Group will go see the 1:35 PM showing of *Mother's Day* at the Century 20 El Con Mall Theater (3601 E. Broadway Blvd, 85716) and grab a treat following the movie. We will meet outside the theater at 1:00 PM. Please contact Missy Wiechmann at 403-1177 if you have any questions. We hope you can make it!

Call Day at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary is this Thursday, May 19. In a special worship service at 10:00 AM (8:00 Tucson time), the graduates of WLS will be presented with their assignments to their first Calls. The Call Service will be available for streaming online as well. This Call Day Service is especially exciting for Grace as we have requested two graduates: one to serve in our youth and family ministry and campus ministry at Grace-Tucson and the other to serve at our Sahuarita site. **The link for the online streaming is <http://livestream.com/WLSLive>.**

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

7:45 AM—
Hail Thee, Festival
Day
CW #179

10:00 AM—
*See How Great a
Flame Aspires*
By John Scriver

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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.

Holy Communion

There are before-communion and after-communion prayers in our Christian Worship hymnal on p. 11, and a personal preparation guide on p.156 to help prepare you to receive the Lord's Supper. If you are a guest with us today, please see p. 9 in today's worship folder under "Distribution" for information about our practice of Member Communion.

New Members

During 10:00 AM worship this morning we welcome Bryan and Miriam Wright as new members of Grace through Profession of Faith.

In 10:00 AM worship at Grace-Vail, we welcome Daniel and Adele Kapellusch who transferred from Paradise Valley and Cross of Glory Lutheran Church. We welcome them all to Grace and ask God's blessings upon them!

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 Gisela Kittel, Sally Littau, Nancy Miles and Lois Thornton. 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 6:1-8
Romans 8:14-17
John 3:1-17

Sermon Text

Isaiah 6:1-8
Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord Almighty

Adult Confirmations

Last Sunday, May 8, John McHaney, Sr. and John McHaney, Jr. were confirmed in the 10:00 AM worship service at Grace-Vail. We welcome them to Grace and ask God's blessings on them!

Donations for St. Marcus Students

Once again this year Grace is hosting a group of WELS 7th grade students from St. Marcus Lutheran School in Milwaukee. They are arriving in Tucson on May 19 through the program "Discover America" which rewards students based on their academic performance and behavior. Each student raised a portion of the expenses to come on the trip.

We are accepting donations to pay for the food that will be served to the students and teachers while they are here. You can make a cash donation or use a check made payable to *Grace Lutheran Church* (note St. Marcus on the bottom of the check). **TODAY is the final collection day!** The donation box can be found near the main entrance of church.



**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 15-May 22

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):
• *Do We Really Know What the Bible Says?*.....9:00a
Women's Fellowship: *Movie*.....1:00p

Wednesday

Midweek Bible Study: *Church History*.....10:00a
Midweek Bible Study: *Church History*.....7:00p

Thursday

NO Women's Bible Study.....
WLS Call Day Service (live streaming).....8:00a

Saturday

Men's Fellowship Breakfast and Bible Study.....9:00a

Sunday

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SAHUARITA

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VAIL

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Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship Group will have breakfast and Bible study this Saturday, May 21 in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall starting at 9:00 AM. Please bring a breakfast dish to share. Please contact Boz Lomasney at (440) 251-4704 if you have any questions.

Divine Call

On Sunday, April 24, Pastor Kassulke was informed that Peace Lutheran Church in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin had voted to extend to him a Divine Call to serve as their associate pastor. This means that he now holds two calls, one to Grace and one to Peace. In the next few weeks, he will be working to make a decision whether to accept the new Call and to move his ministry to Wisconsin or to decline the Call and to continue serving in Tucson. He will strive to make that decision with prayer and careful consideration on the basis of where his particular gifts for ministry best fit the opportunities before him.

Pastor Kassulke welcomes any input that the friends and members of Grace might wish to share with him. You can reach him by phone either at the Church Office (520-623-6633) or on his personal phone (520-260-4453). He also appreciates prayers offered on behalf of him and his family during this deliberation as well as for both congregations as they consider the ministry before them.

Confirmation Sunday at Grace-Vail

Grace-Vail's Youth Confirmation will be Sunday, June 5. Colton Watson and Spencer Hildreth will be confirmed in the 10:00 AM service that day. All are invited to attend and congratulate the confirmands.

Vacation Bible School & VBS Carnival!

Grace's summer Vacation Bible School themed *Barnyard Roundup* will be June 6-10, from 9:00 until 11:30 AM at Grace-Tucson. For more information about VBS or to register, please visit www.GraceTucsonWELS.com/vbs. VBS registration forms, which can also be used to invite friends, are also available in the Fellowship Hall.

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

The VBS closing service starts at 10:00 AM on Sunday, June 12 at Grace-Tucson with the VBS carnival to follow on site at noon. **Grace members are asked to bring a side dish and dessert to share**, and Grace will be providing hot dogs and hamburgers. We are planning to have carnival games, face painting, balloon animals, cotton candy, snow cones, popcorn and more! Volunteers are needed to help with food preparation and operating the specialty food stations as well as overseeing other activities. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Boz Lomasney at 440-251-4704. We hope you'll take this opportunity to invite friends and neighbors!



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