# First Sunday after Pentecost— Holy Trinity

May the grace of the LORD

JESUS CHRIST

and the love of GOD

And the fellowship of the HOLY SPIRIT

be with you all

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
June 11, 2017



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.

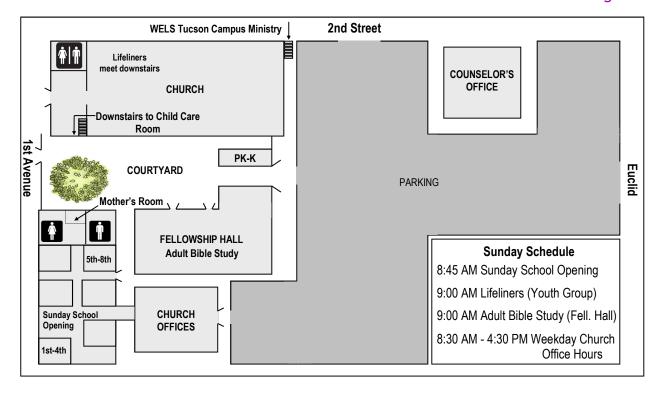
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



On this day we celebrate that God is three-in-one: three distinct entities—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—yet only one God. Trinity Sunday has been celebrated by Christians since the 9<sup>th</sup> century. It is fitting that it follows the festival half of the Christian Church Year as it summarizes the festival season which includes Christmas, Easter and Pentecost celebrations, special days which emphasize Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

10:00 AM— Come Thou Almighty King By Roger Summers and Lloyd Larson

#### **DIVINE SERVICE II**

Christian Worship Supplement

WELCOME

**HYMN** 

Come, Now, Almighty King Christian Worship #193

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.

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

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.

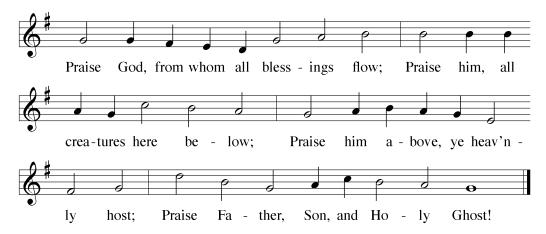
C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

#### **HYMN**

# Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Christian Worship #334



### THE WORD

#### **SALUTATION**

M: The Lord be with you.C: And also with you.

#### 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.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

#### FIRST LESSON

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the Genesis 1:1-2:3 (NIV)

waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the

darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morningthe first day. And God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water." So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so. God called the expanse "sky." And there was evening, and there was morningthe second day. And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seedbearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning-the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. God made two great lights-the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning-the fourth day. And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky." So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day. And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground." Then God said, "I give you every seedbearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the groundeverything that has the breath of life in it-I give every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

The First Lesson is frequently a reading from the Old Testament. It shares a common theme with the Second Lesson (often from one of the epistles) and the Gospel.

#### Refrain



#### Psalm Tone



- 1. Praise God in his sanctu- / ary;\* praise him in his mighty / heavens.
- 2. Praise him for his acts of / power;\* praise him for his surpassing / greatness.

# Refrain

- 3. Praise him with the sounding of the / trumpet,\* praise him with the / harp and lyre,
- 4. praise him with the tambourine and / dancing,\* praise him with / strings and flute.
- 5. praise him with the clash of / cymbals,\* praise him with resounding / cymbals.

# Refrain

- 6. Let everything that has breath / praise the LORD.\* Praise / the LORD.
- 7. Glory by to the Father and / to the Son\* and to the Holy / Spirit, as it was in the be- / ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

# Refrain

#### **SECOND LESSON**

Finally, brothers, good-by. Aim for perfection, listen to my appeal, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All

#### 2 Corinthians 13:11-14 (NIV)

Isaiah 6:3b cf. NIV

the saints send their greetings. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

#### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

M: Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. Alleluia.

#### Please stand

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 28:16-20 (NIV)

M: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter twenty-eight.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore

go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

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

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

On Galilee's High Mountain Christian Worship #557

**SERMON** 

2 Corinthians 13:14 Receive the Blessing of the Triune God

Please remain seated

#### CONFESSION OF FAITH-Athanasian Creed

The Congregation is asked to read the indented lines; the Pastor will read the others.

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.

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.

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 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!

The Athanasian Creed continues on page 6. the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;

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.

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.

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.

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.

So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

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.

Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.

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.

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; 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.

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.

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.

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

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.



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC: 10:00 AM— Praise to the Lord,

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty By Larry Shackley 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

Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices Christian Worship #194

Please stand

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

C: Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

2 Corinthians 13:14

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (†), and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

CLOSING HYMN (see page 10)

May the Peace of God Christian Worship Supplement #745

# THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher	Pastor Ron Koehle
Worship Leader	Pastor Tim Patoka (10:00 AM
Accompanists	Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM), Katie Patoka (10:00 AM)
Ushers	Rusty King, Rick Street, Vic Thornton (7:45 AM
Jon Dongoske, [	Dylan Guenther, Danny Koehler, Colton Watson (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tec	hTaylor Parra (10:00 AM)

#### **POSTLUDE:**

10:00 AM— Holy, Holy, Holy By Valerie Floeter

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# May the Peace of God



# **Call Meeting Today**

After much prayer and careful deliberation, Pastor Matthew Vogt has announced his decision to decline the Call extended to him to serve as Grace's Mission Pastor to Vail and Benson. We wish him God's blessings as he continues his service in Las Vegas, NV. 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 this afternoon at 2:00 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall.

# Pastor Jason Schmidt Installation Service—RSVP Deadline Today

The Shepherd of the Hills congregation would like to invite you to the Installation Service of Pastor Jason Schmidt on Sunday, June 18 at 4 PM. A meal will be served following the service. In order to help with the meal preparations, we ask that you **please RSVP by TODAY** to Lorisa Terrell, Secretary, Iterrell@LutheranChurchTucson.com or 520-297-5710.

# **WELS Worship Conference**

The WELS National Worship Conference is being held this week, June 13-16 at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin. The Worship Conference has been held every third summer since 1996. This gathering brings together pastors, musicians, artists, and worship leaders for worship and workshops regarding music, worship, and the arts. Over 1,000 people are expected to participate at this year's conference.

Grace has five members who will be attending the conference this week: Tina Christianson, Pastor and Beth Kassulke, and Pastor and Katie Patoka. In addition to attending the worship services and workshops, they look forward to networking with other WELS members. As in the past, Grace has been able to sponsor these members for attending the conference. Past participants have been thankful for the opportunity and have felt that the conference provided a great deal of encouragement as well as ideas for pursuing excellence in worship. We pray and trust that this will be the case once again!

# Youth Cross Fitness Camp at Grace-Sahuarita

It's not too late to sign up for the Grace-Sahuarita Youth Cross Fitness Camp (ages 6-13)! It will continue every Thursday from 10 AM-2:00 PM at Grace-Sahuarita. Each week the youth will learn life skills about gardening, cooking, fitness, strengthening and healthy choices. God's Word will be connected to all of these life skills. There will be weekly challenges that the youth can take home to share with their families. There is no charge for this program and lunch will be provided. You can still register by sending an email to Pastor Heiman at <a href="mailto:revrah@gracelutheransaz.org">revrah@gracelutheransaz.org</a>.



# **Summer Worship Series**

This year's Summer Worship Series at Grace is entitled "Our Great Heritage." Each week at all sites, we will consider an aspect of what makes a Lutheran a Lutheran. We'll consider bits of history from almost 500 years ago, but more importantly we'll consider the truths of Scripture that at times were hidden from the people. This series begins next Sunday, June 18. All sites will consider the same topic each week, so there is no issue if you join us at multiple sites throughout the summer.

# **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 Linda Morris and 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 Tom & Deb Sloyan in thanks to God for the blessing of grandchildren.

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

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

Deuteronomy 7:6-10 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 15:9-17

#### Sermon Text

Ephesians 2:1-10

By Grace Alone

# **Important Vail Discussion on June 18**

Pastor Koehler is encouraging all who regularly worship at Grace-Vail to participate in a discussion of the ministry and mission work there next Sunday, June 18. That will take place during the Bible study time and begin as close to 9:00 AM as possible.

# No Wednesday Bible Study

The Wednesday Church History Bible Study regularly scheduled for 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM will not be meeting for the next 2 Wednesdays: June 14 and 21. The next study will be Wednesday, June 28.

#### **Vacation Bible School: June 19-23**

Vacation Bible School will be held here at Grace-Tucson on Monday, June 19 through Friday, June 23 from 9:00 AM-11:30 AM. The theme this year is *Build On The Rock*. You may register online at <a href="https://www.GraceLutheranTucson.com/VBS">www.GraceLutheranTucson.com/VBS</a>. VBS registration forms, which can also be used to invite friends, are also available at all the Grace sites.

The VBS closing service starts at 10:00 AM on Sunday, June 25 at Grace-Tucson with the VBS picnic 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 a few carnival games, face painting, balloon animals, and cotton candy!

We are in need of volunteers to help with teaching, snacks, crafts and music. If you would like to volunteer to help with VBS, please speak to our coordinator, Cindi Breitkreitz (cell: 907-3695, home: 298-9758, email: <a href="mailto:mkcindib4u@yahoo.com">mkcindib4u@yahoo.com</a>) or to Pastor Patoka. Donations for Vacation Bible School are also appreciated and can be given to Cindi or Pastor Patoka.



# 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 • June 11-June 18

TUCSON Today Worship Services	Wednesday  NO Midweek Bible Studies
Children's Sunday School	Children's Sunday School
	Sunday (Pastor Rieke's Last Sunday) Children's Sunday School
Sunday Children's Sunday School	Sunday Children's Sunday School
BENSON (Pastor Rieke's Last Sunday) Today Worship Service/Communion	

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