

Third Sunday after Pentecost



The Resurrection of the Widow's Son at Nain by James Tissot

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
June 14, 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.

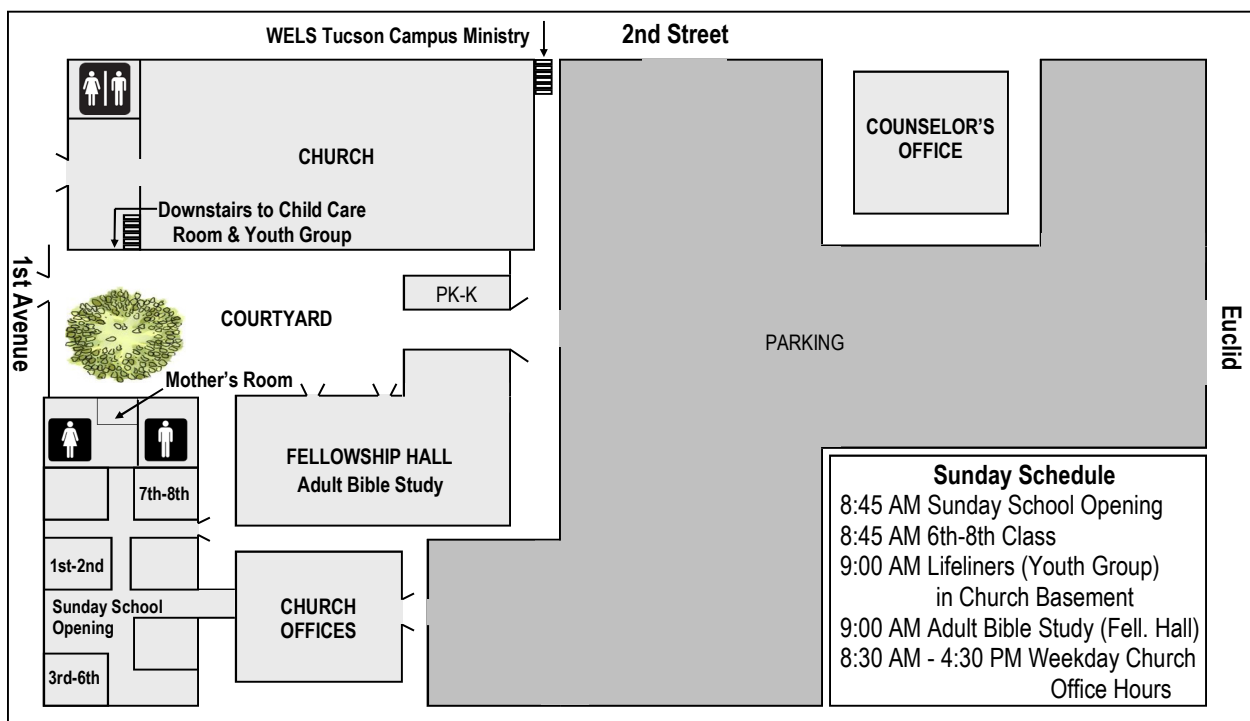
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CHOIR (10:00 AM)

Father, I Adore You

*Father, I adore you, lay my life before you. How I love you!
Jesus, I adore you, lay my life before you. How I love you!
Spirit, I adore you, lay my life before you. How I love you!*

Making Tracks

*We're riding on the gospel train for Jesus, and God is our conductor, so relax!
He treats us, every one, as precious cargo. Climb on board—we're making tracks!*

*We're riding on the gospel train for Jesus. We'll bring along our Bibles with the facts
That Jesus lived and died and rose to save us. Tell the world: we're making tracks!*

WELCOME

HYMN

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness
Christian Worship #353

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.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM—
BEACH SPRING
Arr. by Michael Larkin

10:00 AM—
Thou Shalt Bring Them In
By G. F. Handel

The second song that the children are singing in our service today is the theme song from our week of Vacation Bible School. Our VBS used a train theme to introduce Bible accounts with a variety of lessons to consider.

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.

The words of this song of praise are based on Psalm 34:8 and Psalm 119:89. It marks our thankfulness to have heard God's forgiveness of our sins and anticipates our listening to God's Word throughout our worship service.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
 Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
 ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith-ful-ness con -
 tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
 Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 17:17-24 (NIV)

Some time later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing. She said to Elijah,

“What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?” “Give me your son,” Elijah replied. He took him from

her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. Then he cried out to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought tragedy also upon this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?" Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this boy's life return to him!" The LORD heard

Elijah's cry, and the boy's life returned to him, and he lived. Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, "Look, your son is alive!" Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD from your mouth is the truth."

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 30

Refrain

At the works of your hands, O Lord, I
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

Psalm Tone

*

1. Sing to the LORD, you / saints of his;* praise his / holy name.
2. For his anger lasts only a / moment,* but his favor lasts a / lifetime;
3. weeping may remain / for a night,* but rejoicing comes in the / morning.

Refrain

4. To you, O / LORD, I called;*
to the Lord I cried for / mercy.
5. Hear, O LORD, and be merci- / ful to me;* O LORD, / be my help.
6. You turned my wailing into / dancing,*
that my heart may sing to you and not be / silent.
7. **Glory be to the Father and / to the Son* and to the Holy / Spirit,**
as it was in the be- / ginning,* is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

Refrain

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

SECOND LESSON

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean

Philippians 1:18b-26 (NIV)

fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that through my being with you again your joy in Christ Jesus will overflow on account of me.

VERSE OF THE DAY

2 Corinthians 5:19 cf. RSV

M: Alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia.

Please stand

GOSPEL

Luke 7:11-17 (NIV)

Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry.” Then he went up and touched the coffin, and those

carrying it stood still. He said, “Young man, I say to you, get up!” The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. They were all filled with awe and praised God. “A great prophet has appeared among us,” they said. “God has come to help his people.” This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

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

When in the Hour of Utmost Need
Christian Worship #413

Please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

The Apostles' Creed developed in the Early Christian Church as a personal confession of faith. It is so named because it confesses the faith taught by the Apostles of Jesus.



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

**OFFERTORY
MUSIC:**

7:45 AM—
'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
Arr. by Cindy Berry

10:00 AM—
The Ash Grove
By Wilbur Held

- M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.
- C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.

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

In God, My Faithful God
Christian Worship #438

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.



C: A - men.

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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose
Christian Worship #466

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leader	Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Accompanists.....	Kathy Parra (7:45 AM)
	Tina Christianson (10:00 AM)
Vacation Bible School Choir Director	Beth Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Ushers	Rick Street, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)
	Mark Christianson, Jon Dongoske, Jonathan Ganster (10:00 AM)
	Danny Koehler, Jon Miller (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech	Jeremy Snavelly (10:00 AM)

Thank You

Many thanks to all who helped out with our Vacation Bible School this week. We welcomed over 30 children to Grace during the course of the week. They heard the good news of God's grace for them and had a good time making crafts, singing songs, eating snacks, and learning together! A special thanks goes out to our Lifeliners (high school students), many of whom served as teachers and helpers. VBS couldn't be a success without many willing volunteers.

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 Sunday, June 28 at 2:00 PM at Grace-Tucson.**

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

POSTLUDE:

7:45 AM—
On Eagles' Wings
CW #440

10:00 AM—
CWM Rhondda
(Guide Me Oh Thou Great Jehovah)
By Wilbur Held

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TODAY

Welcome Grace Guests!

If you are a guest at Grace today, we are very happy to have you worship with us! If you would like more information about Grace or have questions about becoming a member of our congregation, please visit the Welcome Table in the courtyard. If this is your first time at Grace, please stop there to pick up a gift just for being our guest this morning.

You Are Invited!

You are invited to our VBS Picnic today following 10:00 AM worship. There will be grilled hotdogs and hamburgers as well as fun activities for the kids. 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 Sally Littau in thanks to God for His daily blessings and His eternal kindness.

Pastor Koehler is preaching at Grace-Sahuarita this morning.

NEXT SUNDAY

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

2 Chronicles 33:1-6, 10-18

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Luke 7:36-50

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.

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).



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 14-June 21

TUCSON

Today

Worship Services..... 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services.....
Children's Sunday School8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class.....8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• *The Problem of Pain*9:00a
VBS Picnic Following 10 AM Worship.....

Tuesday

Church Council Meeting6:15p

SAHUARITA

Today

Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship.....9:45a
Bible Study: *The Beatitudes*11:00a

Wednesday

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

Sunday

Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship.....9:45a

BENSON

Today

Worship Service/Communion.....7:30a

Wednesday

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

Sunday

Worship Service7:30a

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/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

VAIL

Today

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

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