

# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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TO GOD

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

July 12, 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.

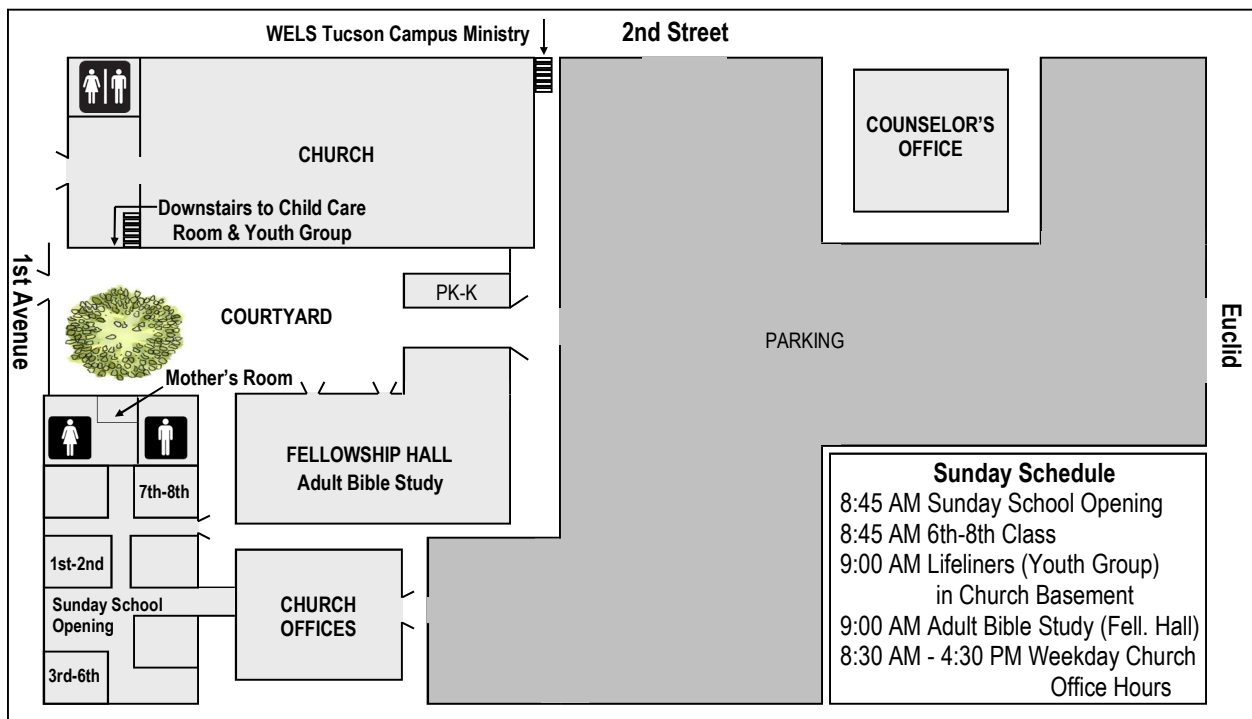
**Hymns** are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

**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](http://www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org)



# SERVICE OF THE WORD

Christian Worship

## WELCOME

## HYMN

Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit  
Christian Worship #181

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.

## 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.

## PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM—

HÖCHSTER PRIESTER

Arr. by Cindy Berry

10:00 AM—

Shout to the North

with O For a

Thousand Tongues

to Sing

Words and music by

Martin Smith

Arr. by Carol

Tornquist

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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*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

Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word." Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: "Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. You will drink from the brook, and I have ordered the ravens to feed you there." So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook. Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. Then the word of the LORD came to him: "Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there. I have commanded a widow in that place to supply you with food." So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little

### 1 Kings 17:1-16 (NIV)

water in a jar so I may have a drink?" As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread." "As surely as the LORD your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die." Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small cake of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD gives rain on the land.'" She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.



Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an

acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**Luke 8:15 cf. RSV**

M: Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia.

*Please stand*

**GOSPEL**

**Luke 10:1-12, 16-20 (NIV)**

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road. When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; if not, it will return to you. Stay in that house, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house. When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near

you.' But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that sticks to our feet we wipe off against you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God is near.' I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

He who listens to you listens to me; he who rejects you rejects me; but he who rejects me rejects him who sent me." The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

*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**

**Spread, Oh, Spread the Mighty Word**  
*Christian Worship #576*

**SERMON**

**Philippians 4:10-20**  
**Be Generous to God**

*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.

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.

*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:** O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

**C:** We praise you for every grace and blessing.

**M:** Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

**C:** Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

*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—**  
**GALILEAN**  
Arr. by Kathy Parra

**10:00 AM—**  
*Spread, Oh Spread the Mighty Word*  
Arr. by Cindy Berry

M: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

**C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.**

M: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

**C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.**

M: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

**C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.**

M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

**C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with confidence that you will hear and with faith that you will respond for our welfare.

**C: 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**

**Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying**  
*Christian Worship #573*

*Please stand*

*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.*



**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.

**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**

Lord of the Living Harvest  
Christian Worship #559

**THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

- Preacher ..... Pastor Ron Koehler
- Worship Leader ..... Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM)
- Accompanists..... Kathy Parra (7:45 AM), Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
- Ushers ..... Rick Street, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)  
Jon Dongoske, Dylan Guenther, Jacob Kassulke, (10:00 AM)  
Danny Koehler, Tyler Koehler (10:00 AM)
- Sound & Recording Tech ..... Jeremy Snavelly (10:00 AM)

*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—**  
*Lift High the Cross*  
CW #579

**10:00 AM—**  
*Lift High the Cross*  
Tune by Sydney H. Nicholson  
Arr. by Cindy Berry

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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.

## Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning are in loving memory of Lester Oberfeld from his sister, Laverne Hawkins, and his nieces and nephews.

## 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 Nadine Rentschler and Sandy Weir. 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*

Deuteronomy 24:17-22

Romans 12:9-21

Luke 10:25-37

#### *Sermon Text & Theme*

Luke 10:25-37

*What Must I DO to Inherit Eternal Life?*

## Quarterly Offering Statements Available

Those who use the offering envelopes or *Simply Giving* for their giving to the Lord will find a quarterly offering statement envelope with their name on it on the table in the courtyard. Please pick yours up today. We hope you'll appreciate the opportunity to check for any recording errors we may have made and perhaps use it to review your gifts of love to your Savior.

## Member Information Update

A letter was sent out 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](http://www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org/profile). Thank you for your help!

## Thank You From the Riekes

Pastor Rieke and Kristin would like to thank the members and friends of Grace for all the prayers and support shown this past week, which has made a difficult time easier to handle. Kristin underwent laparoscopic surgery to remove her appendix, and is now at home recovering. Both Kristin and baby are doing well. We invite your prayers as Kristin continues her recovery.

## Thank You

Cinda Drescher would like to thank those who sent get well cards. She is feeling better, but may still need surgery. Please keep her in your prayers.

## Divine Call Extended

At Grace's Call Meeting on Sunday, June 28, a Divine Call was extended to Pastor Caleb Bassett to serve as Grace's mission pastor to Sahuarita. Pastor Bassett currently serves at St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Fallbrook, CA. Please keep Pastor Bassett, his wife Audra and their 4 children in your prayers as he considers this Call. Also, please keep in your prayers the ongoing gospel ministry in Fallbrook and here at Grace!



**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 • July 12-July 19**

**TUCSON**

**Today**

- 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

**SAHUARITA**

**Today**

- Worship Service ..... 9:45a
- Coffee Fellowship following worship .....

**Wednesday**

- Bible Study: *Parables of Jesus* ..... 10:00a

**Sunday**

- Worship Service ..... 9:45a
- Coffee Fellowship following worship .....

**BENSON**

**Today**

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

**Wednesday**

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

**Sunday**

- Worship Service ..... 7:30a

**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
- 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.....

**Sunday**

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

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## School Supplies Needed for Mission to the Children

Mission to the Children is in need of school supplies for the children we serve in Sonora, Mexico (Kindergarten through high school age). If you would be in a position to purchase any of these on sale (notebooks, crayons, pencils, markers, erasers, folders, rulers, glue, scissors, etc.) we would be most grateful. Please bring them to the Grace-Tucson church office. If you put your name and address on them, you will receive a letter from the mission so you may claim your donation as a tax deduction. The trip to take supplies to Sonora is scheduled for July 23. We would like to have these supplies no later than **Monday, July 20, 2015!** Any questions, call Mary Ann Rosas at 591-0799. Thank you so much!

## Church Council Changes

There have been a few changes to the Church Council. Jay Pauley has resigned as Education Elder as he and his family are moving to Phoenix. Many thanks to Jay for his service. Jason Watson has also resigned as Member Ministry Elder feeling that he could serve much better as Education Elder. Per the Bylaws, in a situation such as this, the President of the congregation is to appoint someone for these offices. After discussions with the Pastors, I have appointed Jason Watson to the Education Elder position and Boz Lomasney as Member Ministry Elder. Please include them as well as the other council members in your prayers.

**Bryan Guenther, Congregation President**

## New Multi-Site Congregation in Arizona!

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>. **UPDATE: Please keep our former vicar, Matt Westra, in your prayers as he holds the Call to Cross of Glory's second site.**



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