

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2015



“This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones...”

-Luke 12:18 (NIV)

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Tucson, AZ



Our mission at Grace is to teach the inspired and inerrant Word of God, to proclaim that Jesus Christ is the crucified and risen Savior of the world and to nurture believers for lives of Christian service.

We are very pleased that you have joined us for worship today at Grace-Tucson! We pray that this time will be a blessing for you as God comes to you with his Word and promises and as you offer him your thanks and praise.

Worship Notes

The **order of service** we follow is printed out in this worship folder. You'll notice that the service is a dialogue between God and us, his people. The pastor speaks to God along with the congregation and also speaks the Word of God to the people.

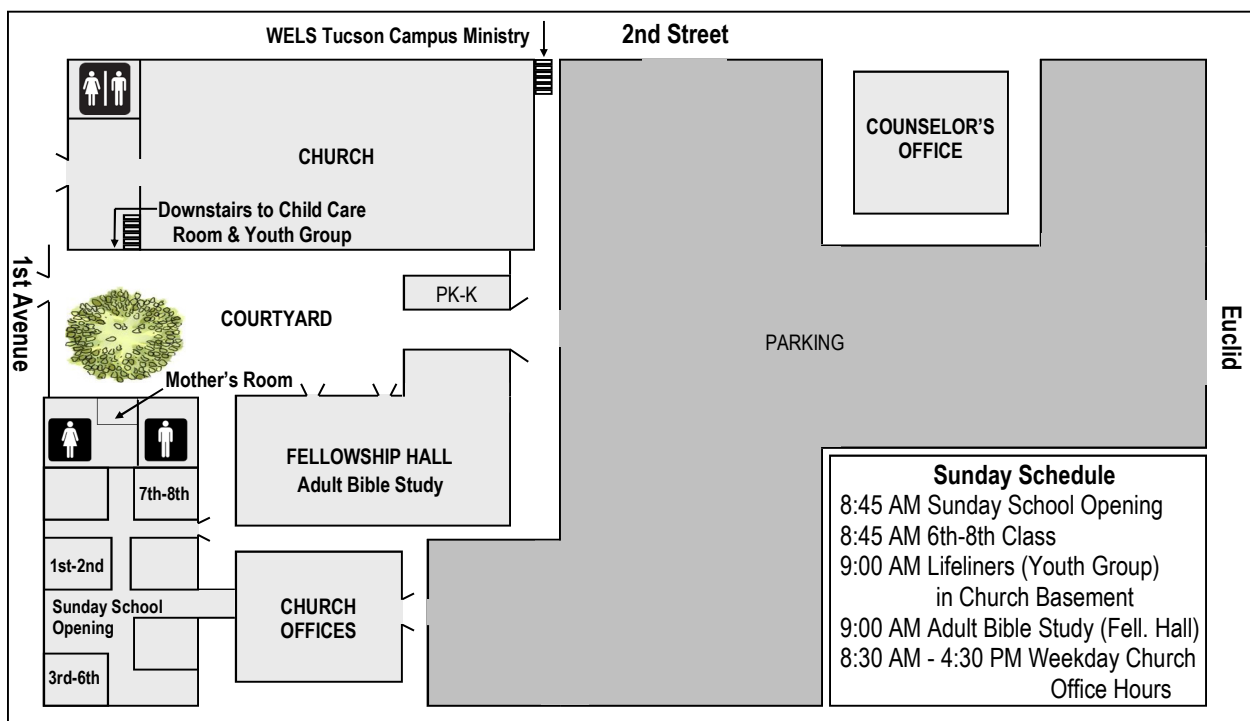
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

Large print hymn sheets are available in the entryway. You may also ask an usher or greeter to get one for you.

We believe that many blessings come from having families worship together and we love to have **children in worship!** If you need to calm a restless child, you may:

- stand for a few moments in the entryway, sometimes that's all that's needed
- go down the stairs to the left in the entryway—they will lead down to the Child Care Room where you will still be able to hear the service
- visit the private Mother's Room across the courtyard in the women's restroom—you will be able to hear the service there also

Printed copies of the sermon are available in the entryway. CDs of the entire worship service will be made upon request from the sound technician in the balcony. It only takes a few minutes to copy. You may also find sermons and services in print, audio and video on our website: www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org



SERVICE OF THE WORD

Christian Worship

WELCOME

HYMN

Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways
Christian Worship #462

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—

Be Thou My Vision

Arr. by Victor

Labenske

10:00 AM—

Oh, That the Lord

Would Guide My

Ways

Setting by Theodore

Beck

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.

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; 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

“Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. “Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.”

I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. And who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will have control over all the work into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. For a man may do his work with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then he must leave all he owns to someone who has not worked for it. This too is

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:18-26 (NIV)

meaningless and a great misfortune. What does a man get for all the toil and anxious striving with which he labors under the sun? All his days his work is pain and grief; even at night his mind does not rest. This too is meaningless. A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 34

(7:45 AM—The soloist will sing the verses, the congregation may join in the refrains.)

Refrain



Hap-py the peo-ple the Lord has cho-sen to be his own.

Psalm Tone



1. Taste and see that the / LORD is good;*
blessed are they who take ref- / uge in him.
2. The eyes of the LORD are on the / righteous*
and his ears are attentive / to their cry.
3. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who / fear him,*
and he de- / livers them.

Refrain

4. The righteous cry out, and the LORD / hears them;*
he delivers them from all their / troubles.
5. The LORD is close to the broken- / hearted*
and saves those who are crushed in / spirit.
6. The LORD redeems his / servants;*
no one who takes refuge in him will / be condemned.
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

SECOND LESSON

James 5:1-11 (NIV)

Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming upon you. Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. Look! The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered innocent men, who were not opposing

you. Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. Don't grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door! Brothers, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

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.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 14:23

M: Alleluia. Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia.

Please stand

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

GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21 (NIV)

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' Then he said, 'This is

what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I'll say to myself, You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise _ be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

What Is the World to Me
Christian Worship #477

SERMON

Luke 12:13-21

Be On Your Guard Against All Kinds of Greed

- I. It Leads to a False View of Life
- II. It Leads to a Fool's Death

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

PRAAYER 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.

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.

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—
Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus
Arr. by Kathy Parra

10:00 AM—
Jesus, Lead Thou On
Arr. by Thomas Gieschen

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.

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

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 7:45 AM—
Cong: st. 1, 2, 4, 6
Soloist: st. 3 & 5

Take My Life and Let It Be
Christian Worship #469

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.

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

May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill
Christian Worship #458

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher	Pastor Sam Clemons
Worship Leader	Pastor Ron Koehler (10:00 AM)
Accompanists.....	Kathy Parra (7:45 AM)
	Tina Christianson (10:00 AM)
Soloist	Nicole Peterson (7:45 AM)
Ushers	Rick Street, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)
	Jon Dongoske, Jonathan Ganster, Danny Koehler, Jon Miller (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech	Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)

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. **We have received about half of the information sheets back from members. If you have not completed yours yet, you can drop them off in the gray box (in the Courtyard) this morning or mail them to the church office. You can also fill out an online version of the forms at www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org/profile.** Thank you for your help!

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—
Take My Life and Let It Be
Arr. by Victor Labenske

10:00 AM—
God of Grace
Setting by Paul Manz

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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.

NEXT SUNDAY

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

Haggai 1:2-14
Revelation 3:1-6
Luke 12:32-40

Sermon Text & Theme

Luke 12:32-40
The Treasure Test

ACSTO WELS Church Coordinator

Grace member and Outreach Elder, Jeff Weinstein, has been hired as the WELS Church Coordinator for AZ Christian School Tuition Organization! He will be working closely with WELS/ELS congregations across Arizona to promote the Tuition Tax Credit program. If you have any questions about ACSTO or the Tuition Tax Credit program contact Jeff Weinstein at 909-7649.



Divine Call Declined

After much prayer and careful deliberation, Pastor Caleb Bassett 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 Fallbrook, CA. 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 will be this Saturday, August 15 at 10 AM at Grace-Sahuarita.**

Fiesta Sahuarita

Grace is participating in this year's Fiesta Sahuarita, an annual event just down the road from Grace-Sahuarita at Anamax Park. The Fiesta is Saturday, September 26, noon until 9 PM. The event includes live music, food trucks, games, arts and crafts, and a waterslide. Grace will have a booth at the festival and will be looking for volunteers to help. There will be a brief meeting following the Call Meeting on Saturday, August 15 if you have ideas to share or would like more information. Questions about this event may be directed to David Farley, Grace-Sahuarita's Site Representative on the Church Council.

Baby Shower

The women of Grace are invited to a baby shower for Shannon Farley this Saturday, August 15 from 11:30-2:00 PM at Grace-Sahuarita. Food will be catered, so **please RSVP to Ashley Stone (480-421-8057) by this Tuesday, August 11 if you plan to attend.** The Farley's are having a boy!

Time of Grace Presentation at Grace-Tucson

A representative from Time of Grace (WELS) will speak to us about their ministry at 9:00 AM on Sunday, August 23rd in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. You're invited to come and hear about this international Christian outreach media ministry that is dedicated to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with as many people as possible. You may have seen the half-hour weekly television program *Time of Grace* featuring Pastor Mark Jeske. We look forward to hearing about this unique and exciting ministry!



**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 • Aug 9-Aug 16

TUCSON

Today

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Saturday

Call Meeting at Grace-Sahuarita 10:00a

Sunday

Worship Services/Communion 7:45 & 10:00a
 Coffee Fellowship following both services
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SAHUARITA

Today

Worship Service 9:45a
 Coffee Fellowship following worship

Wednesday

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

Saturday

Call Meeting 10:00a
Farley Baby Shower 11:30a

Sunday

Worship Service 9:45a
 Coffee Fellowship following worship

VAIL

Today

Bible Study: *Church-Mission-Ministry* 9:00a
 Children's Sunday School 9:00a
 Worship Service/Communion 10:00a
 Coffee Fellowship following worship

Saturday

Call Meeting at Grace-Sahuarita 10:00a

Sunday

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

BENSON

Today

Worship Service/Communion 7:30a

Wednesday

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

Saturday

Call Meeting at Grace-Sahuarita 10:00a

Sunday

Worship Service 7:30a

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Congratulations

Jay Huggins and Britney Hall were married last Sunday, August 2 and are looking forward to an affirmation of their marriage in the future at Grace.

ESL Help Needed!

English as a Second Language is in need of teachers, snack preparers and childcare volunteers beginning in September. If this is something you are interested in please contact the church office (623-6633) or Joyce Long (795-6456). *ESL runs Mondays and Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM September through May.*

Thursday Women's Bible Study: *Leviticus*

Our study of the least read book of the Bible continues! Despite being written to guide ancient Israel, the people of the Promise, the applications to the Christian life today are amazing! Join us this Thursday, Aug 6 at 9:00 AM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. **Looking ahead: A two-part Bible Study on the Letter of Jude will take place on September 3 and 10—Come try it out!**

Apache Clothing Drive

God has a role for each of us to play in this life. Jeremiah underscores this with these words God prompted him to write, "I know the plans I have for you." And friends, that involves serving God as we play our roles.

Part of serving includes being kind to others, like giving suitable clothing to our Apache Christian friends. Consider an opportunity like this as a personal mission-giving role we have here at Grace!

If you have clothing to donate, please call the church office or Russ Weir at 795-0062.

Russ Weir, Chmn. of the Apache Clothing Drive



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