

# Summer Worship Series



## WEEK 5: MOUNT CARMEL

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
July 24, 2016



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

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

## Worship Notes

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

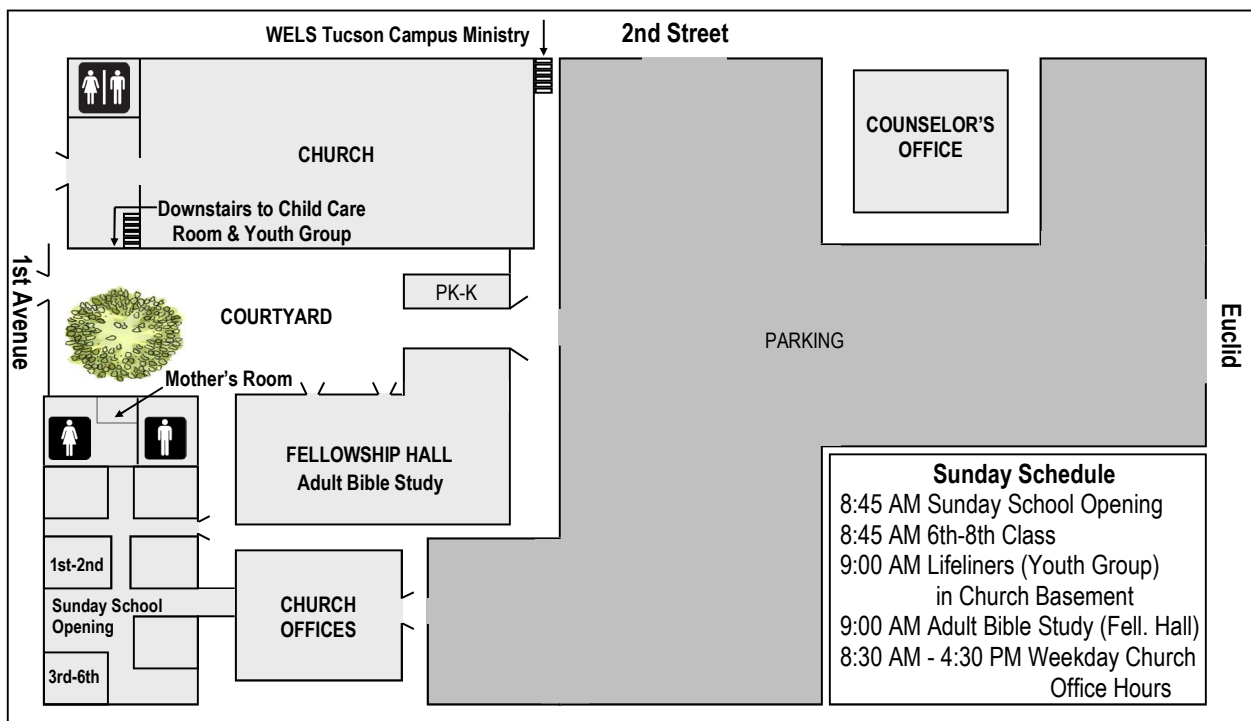
**Hymns** are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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

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

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

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



# SERVICE OF THE WORD

Christian Worship

## WELCOME

## HYMN

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word  
Christian Worship #221

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.

## Banner

The banner at the front of church will be displayed throughout our whole summer worship series. It declares David's words of praise to God for delivering him from his enemies and the hands of Saul (2 Samuel 22:47b).

## PRESERVICE MUSIC:

10:00 AM—  
Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness  
By Johann Cruger, Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

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.

Almighty and eternal God, you govern all things in heaven and on earth. In your mercy hear our prayers and grant us your peace all the days of our life; 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

So Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him, and Ahab went to meet Elijah. When he saw Elijah, he said to him, “Is that you, you troubler of Israel?” “I have not made trouble for Israel,” Elijah replied. “But you and your father’s family have. You have abandoned the LORD’s commands and have followed the Baals. Now summon the people from all over Israel to meet me on Mount Carmel. And bring the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel’s table.” So Ahab sent word throughout all Israel and assembled the prophets on Mount Carmel. Elijah went before the people and said, “How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.” But the people said nothing. Then Elijah said to them, “I am the only one of the LORD’s prophets left, but Baal has four hundred and fifty prophets. Get two bulls for us. Let them choose one for themselves, and let them cut it into pieces and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD. The god who answers by fire—he

### 1 Kings 18:16-39 (NIV)

is God.” Then all the people said, “What you say is good.” Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose one of the bulls and prepare it first, since there are so many of you. Call on the name of your god, but do not light the fire.” So they took the bull given them and prepared it. Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. “O Baal, answer us!” they shouted. But there was no response; no one answered. And they danced around the altar they had made. At noon Elijah began to taunt them. “Shout louder!” he said. “Surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened.” So they shouted louder and slashed themselves with swords and spears, as was their custom, until their blood flowed. Midday passed, and they continued their frantic prophesying until the time for the evening sacrifice. But there was no response, no one answered, no one paid attention. Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come here to me.” They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the LORD, which was in ruins. Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD

*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.*

had come, saying, "Your name shall be Israel." With the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD, and he dug a trench around it large enough to hold two seahs of seed. He arranged the wood, cut the bull into pieces and laid it on the wood. Then he said to them, "Fill four large jars with water and pour it on the offering and on the wood." "Do it again," he said, and they did it again. "Do it a third time," he ordered, and they did it the third time. The water ran down around the altar and even filled the trench. At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: "O

LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. Answer me, O LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again." Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, "The LORD—he is God! The LORD—he is God!"

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

**Psalm 46**

*Refrain*



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for - tress.

*Psalm Tone*



1. God is our ref- / uge and strength,\* an ever-present help in / trouble.
2. Therefore we will not fear, though the / earth give way\*  
and the mountains fall into the heart / of the sea.
3. though its waters / roar and foam\* and the mountains quake with their / surging.

*Refrain*

4. There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- / y of God,\*  
the holy place where the Most / High dwells.
5. God is within her, she / will not fall;\* God will help her at / break of day.
6. "Be still, and know that / I am God;\*"
 

I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted / in the earth."
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

1 Corinthians 8:1-6 (NIV)

Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that we all possess knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. The man who thinks he knows something does not yet know as he ought to know. But the man who loves God is known by God. So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that an idol is nothing at all in the world and that there is no God but

one. For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”), yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

John 20:31

*The Verse of the Day is a familiar or significant Scripture text framed with alleluias.*

C: A - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! These words are  
writ - ten that we may be - lieve that Je - sus is the Christ, the  
Son of God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL

Luke 10:1-16 (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. Woe to you, Korazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted up to the skies? No, you will go down to the depths. 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 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**

All Praise to God Who Reigns Above  
Christian Worship #236

**SERMON**

1 Kings 18:16-39  
Mount Carmel

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.

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.

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.



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

Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the row and pass it along. Thank You!

**OFFERTORY MUSIC:**  
10:00 AM—  
Guide Me Oh Thou Great Jehovah  
Arr. by Wilbur Held

7:45 AM—Please continue with the Prayer of the Church on page 8.  
10:00 AM—Please remain seated.

## ADULT CONFIRMATION (10:00 AM)

of

*Teddy L. Pittsinger*

Minister: Having been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and having been instructed in the basic teachings of the Bible, you are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith. The apostle Paul, writing to the Romans, said: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Therefore, lift up your heart to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions.

M: Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this congregation, acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation?

New Member: I do.

M: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

NM: I do.

M: Do you believe in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

NM: I do.

M: Do you believe all the canonical books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?

NM: I do.

M: Do you believe that the teaching of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, as you have learned it in the Grow in Grace Class, is faithful and true to the Word of God?

NM: I do.

M: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it?

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

M: Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word, to be faithful in the use of the Word and sacrament, and in faith and action remain true to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as long as you live?

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

*The Pastor blesses the confirmand and hands him a confirmation certificate.*

M: Your church now welcomes you into communicant membership, with all the rights, benefits, and responsibilities that this entails, and invites you to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's Table as a precious privilege given you by God through his Church; receive this Sacrament thankfully and often. The almighty and most merciful God—Father, Son (†), and Holy Spirit—bless and keep you.



## 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.**

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

**Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult**  
*Christian Worship #463*

*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.*



## 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 Terry Kosanke and Jenn Miller. 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 Jeremy & Adrienne Snavelly in celebration of their 12<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and Jeremy's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday!

## Baptism

Kendra Georgie Sue Pigeon, daughter of Jason and Erin Pigeon, born on July 11, will be made a forgiven child of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in 10:00 AM worship at Grace-Vail this morning.

## NEXT SUNDAY

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

Matthew 4:1-11  
Genesis 3:1-19  
1 Peter 5:6-11

### *Sermon Text & Theme*

Matthew 4:1-11  
*The Mountain of Temptation*

## 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.

## Farewell Service For Pastor Clemons

Sunday, July 31 at 4:00 PM at Grace-Tucson, there will be a special worship service to thank God for the ministry of Pastor Clemons who will be retiring this July. Dinner will follow the service and will be catered by El Molinito. **Please RSVP to Teri Guenther at 235-1177 or [teriguen@msn.com](mailto:teriguen@msn.com) TODAY if you plan to attend the meal.**

## Baby Shower for Christa Kassulke

There will be a baby shower for Christa Kassulke in the Grace-Tucson fellowship hall on Sunday, August 7 at 1:00 PM. All women of the congregation are invited to attend. Christa is registered at Target, Buy Buy Baby and Babies R Us and does not know if she is having a boy or a girl. If you have any questions, please talk to Beth Kassulke (260-3649) or Lisa Goldie (603-5120).

## Divine Call

Pastor Rieke has received a Divine Call to serve as associate pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Livonia, Michigan. This means that he now holds two calls, one to Grace and one to St. Paul. In the next few weeks, he will be working to make a decision whether to accept the new Call and to move his ministry to Michigan or to decline the Call and to continue serving in Tucson. Please keep him and his family in your prayers during this deliberation.



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 24-July 31**

**TUCSON**

Worship Services ..... 7:45 & 10:00a  
 Coffee Fellowship following both services .....  
 Children's Sunday School ..... 8:45a  
 Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*..... 9:00a  
 Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):  
 • *Life of Christ: Jesus' Last Days* ..... 9:00a

**Wednesday**

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

**Thursday**

Women's Bible Study: *Digging for Insights* ..... 9:00a

**Sunday**

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**Pastor Clemons' Farewell Service** ..... 4:00p

**SAHUARITA**

**Today**

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

**Wednesday**

**NO** Bible Study.....

**Sunday**

Worship Service ..... 9:45a  
 Coffee Fellowship following worship.....  
**Pastor Clemons' Farewell Service at Grace-Tucson** ... 4:00p

**VAIL**

**Today**

Family Bible Study: *Parables of Jesus* ..... 9:00a  
 Worship Service/Communion ..... 10:00a  
 Coffee Fellowship following worship.....  
**Volunteer Meeting for Kids' Carnival** ..... 11:00a

**Sunday**

Family Bible Study: *Parables of Jesus* ..... 9:00a  
 Worship Service ..... 10:00a  
 Coffee Fellowship following worship.....  
**Pastor Clemons' Farewell Service at Grace-Tucson** ... 4:00p

**BENSON**

**Today**

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

**Sunday**

Worship Service ..... 7:30a  
**Pastor Clemons' Farewell Service at Grace-Tucson** ... 4:00p

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**Called Home To Heaven**

The Lord called Ron Salgado to his home in heaven on Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. His Memorial Service was held last Thursday, July 21 at 11:00 AM at Grace-Tucson.