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## **WELCOME...**

- *May the Word of God bring you comfort in Christ alone.*
  - *Check our website at [www.graceglendale.org](http://www.graceglendale.org) for more information.*
  - *Please reserve **the BACK PEWS** for parents with **SMALL CHILDREN**.*
  - *Ask an usher to receive a **RECEIVER** if you are in need of hearing assistance.*
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## **OPENING HYMN: #488 – Savior, Thy Dying Love**

**Savior, thy dying love Thou gavest me;  
Nor should I aught withhold, Dear Lord, from thee.  
In love my soul would bow, My heart fulfill its vow,  
Some off'ring bring thee now, Something for thee.**

**O'er the blest mercy seat, Pleading for me,  
My feeble faith looks up, Jesus, to thee.  
Help me the cross to bear, Thy wondrous love declare,  
Some song to raise or prayer, Something for thee.**

**Give me a faithful heart, Likeness to thee,  
That each departing day Henceforth may see  
Some work of love begun, Some deed of kindness done,  
Some wand'rer sought and won, Something for thee.**

**All that I am and have, Thy gifts so free,  
In joy, in grief, through life, Dear Lord, for thee!  
And when thy face I see, My ransomed soul shall be  
Through all eternity Something for thee.**

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**HOLY BAPTISM: (10:30)** ..... p. 12  
*Willow Keene Petersen*

M: O Lord, open my lips,

**C: And my mouth will declare your praise.** *Psalm 51:15*

M: All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord;

**C: And they in turn would tell their children.** *Psalm 86:9*

M: Future generations will be told about the Lord.

**C: They will proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn.** *Ps 22:30-31*

M: Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise the Lord:

**C: “The Lord looked down from his sanctuary on high, from heaven he viewed the earth, to hear the groans of the prisoners and release those condemned to death.”**

*Psalm 102:18-20*

M: My mouth will tell of your righteousness, of your salvation all day long, though I know not its measure.

**C: Even when I am old and gray, Do not forsake me, O God, Till I declare your power to the next generation, Your might to all who are to come.**

*Psalm 71:15,18*

M: One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.

**C: They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works.** *Psalm 145:4-5*

**SONG OF THE LITURGY:** .....#735 – Speak, O Lord

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to you  
To receive the food of your Holy Word.  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today**

**In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All your purposes for your glory.**

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## **SALUTATION**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

## **FIRST LESSON: Serving God can be frustrating. 1 Kings 9:3-8**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD said to him: "I have heard the prayer and plea you have made before me; I have consecrated this temple, which you have built, by putting my Name there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there. <sup>4</sup>"As for you, if you walk before me faithfully with integrity of heart and uprightness, as David your father did, and do all I command and observe my decrees and laws, <sup>5</sup>I will establish your royal throne over Israel forever, as I promised David your father when I said, 'You shall never fail to have a successor on the throne of Israel.' <sup>6</sup>"But if you or your descendants turn away from me and do not observe the commands and decrees I have given you and go off to serve other gods and worship them, <sup>7</sup>then I will cut off Israel from the land I have given them and will reject this temple I have consecrated for my Name. Israel will then become a byword and an

object of ridicule among all peoples. <sup>8</sup>This temple will become a heap of rubble. All who pass by will be appalled and will scoff and say, 'Why has the LORD done such a thing to this land and to this temple?'

**SECOND LESSON: Service to God means walking in love as**

**Christ loved.** Ephesians 4:30-5:2 <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. <sup>32</sup>Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. <sup>1</sup>Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children <sup>2</sup>and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

**VERSE OF THE DAY:** Alleluia. Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Alleluia.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the

mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*(Please rise for the Gospel in honor of the words of Jesus.)*

**M:** The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 20.

**C:** **Glory be to you, O Lord!**

**GOSPEL LESSON: Being a servant means paying a high price.**

Matthew 20:20-28 <sup>20</sup>Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him.

<sup>21</sup>"What is it you want?" he asked. She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom." <sup>22</sup>"You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?" "We can," they answered. <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father."

<sup>24</sup>When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. <sup>25</sup>Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. <sup>26</sup>Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup>and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—<sup>28</sup>just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #486 – Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us**

**Lord of glory, you have bought us  
With your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice,  
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the  
sand  
To th' unthankful and the evil With your own unsparing hand.**

**Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you  
Gladly, freely, of your own.  
With the sunshine of your goodness  
Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures,  
Warmed by you, at length believe**

That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.  
Wondrous honor you have given  
To our humblest charity  
In your own mysterious sentence,  
"You have done it unto me."  
Can it be, O gracious Master,  
That you need what we can do,  
Saying by your poor and needy,  
"Give as I have giv'n to you"?

Yes, the sorrow and the suff'rings  
Which on ev'ry hand we view  
Channels are for gifts and off'rings  
Due by solemn right to you,  
Right of which we may not rob you,  
Debt we may not choose but pay  
Lest that face of love and pity  
Turn from us another day.

Lord of glory, you have bought us  
With your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust you boldly,  
Hope, to stay our souls on you;  
But, oh, best of all your graces,  
With your love our love renew.

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**SERMON:** .....Matthew 20:28

***SENT TO ~~Be the Boss~~***

1. Jesus came to ~~be the boss~~.
2. We are here to ~~be the boss~~.

**GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER VIDEO:** ..... Community

## ***Offerings of Love to Our Lord***

*Please fill out the "Welcome to Grace" register in your pew at this time, and **please remember to mark if you are communing.***

### **BIBLE PRESENTATION TO THIRD GRADERS: (10:30)**

#### **PRAYER:**

**M:** God is the source of all wisdom and knowledge. Let us ask him to bless those who seek to learn and their teachers.

For students as they begin this new school year, that the Spirit of God may give them the gifts of wisdom and understanding, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Fill us with your wisdom, Lord.**

**M:** For teachers, that they may share their knowledge with gentleness, patience, and concern for their students, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Fill us with your wisdom, Lord.**

**M:** For those who seek knowledge of the things of this world, that they may always pursue God's wisdom, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Fill us with your wisdom, Lord.**

**M:** For parents, the first teachers of their children, that their faith and love may be an example to us always, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Fill us with your wisdom, Lord.**

**M:** Lord our God, in your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe. In times long past you sent your prophets to teach your word and to bear witness to your undying love. You sent us your Son to teach us by word and example that true wisdom comes from you alone. Send your Spirit upon these students and their teachers and fill them with your wisdom and blessings. During this school year may they devote themselves to their studies and share what they have learned from others. We pray in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

**PREFACE:** .....p. 33 CWS

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: (#279)**..... *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**O holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might,**

**Your glory, earth and heaven In countless ways recite.**

**Hosanna! Come and save us, Lord God of hosts on high,**

**And in your grace and mercy Receive our fervent cry.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:** .....p. 35 CWS

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

**LORD'S PRAYER:**..... *Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.**

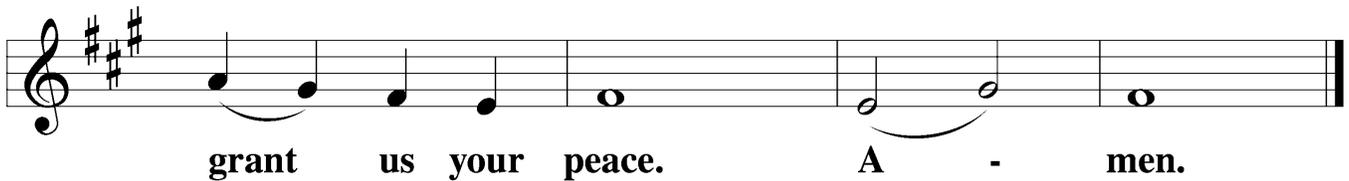
**WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**..... *Matthew 26:26-28*  
*1 Corinthians 11:24-25*

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

**LAMB OF GOD:**..... p. 36 CWS

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world;



In Holy Communion we receive the assurance of forgiveness through the body and blood of our Savior. By sharing in this Sacrament, we also express our complete agreement with one another according to the teachings of the Bible. If you have not joined our fellowship (Wisconsin Synod), please permit us to tell you about our Lutheran Christian faith before you partake of this Holy Supper so that you can judge for yourself whether there is complete agreement between us.

*For COMMUNION, please come at the direction of the ushers.  
Please receive the wafer in the palm of your hand.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: #312 – Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared**

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared  
This feast for our salvation;  
It is your body and your blood,  
And at your invitation  
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,  
We come to you for needed rest,  
For comfort, and for pardon.**

**Although you did to heav'n ascend,  
Where angel hosts are dwelling,  
And in your presence they behold  
Your glory, all excelling,  
And though your people shall not see  
Your glory and your majesty  
Till dawns the judgment morning,**

**Yet, Savior, you are not confined  
To any habitation,  
But you are present ev'rywhere  
And with your congregation.**

**Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,  
Unmoved by any daring hand  
Or subtle craft and cunning.  
We eat this bread and drink this cup,  
Your precious Word believing  
That your true body and your blood  
Our lips are here receiving.  
This Word remains forever true,  
And there is naught you cannot do,  
For you, Lord, are almighty.**

**Though reason cannot understand,  
Yet faith this truth embraces:  
Your body, Lord, is ev'rywhere  
At once in many places.  
I leave to you how this can be;  
Your Word alone suffices me;  
I trust its truth unfailing.**

**Lord, I believe what you have said;  
Help me when doubts assail me.  
Remember that I am but dust,  
And let my faith not fail me.  
Your supper in this vale of tears  
Refreshes me and stills my fears  
And is my priceless treasure.**

**Grant that we worthily receive  
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,  
And, truly grieving for our sins,  
May prove by our behavior  
That we are thankful for your grace  
And day by day may run our race,  
In holiness increasing.**

**For your consoling supper, Lord,  
Be praised throughout all ages!**

**Preserve it, for in ev'ry place  
The world against it rages.  
Grant that this sacrament may be  
A blessed comfort unto me  
When living and when dying.**

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**SONG OF SIMEON: (#388)..... Luke 2:29-32**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever three in one;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

### **PRAYER**

**M:** We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

**M:** We begin this school year in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN: #514 – Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain**

**Lord, help us ever to retain  
The Catechism's doctrine plain  
As Luther taught the Word of truth  
In simple style to tender youth.**

**Help us your holy law to learn,  
To mourn our sin and from it turn**

In faith to you and to your Son  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One.  
Hear us, dear Father, when we pray  
For needed help from day to day  
That as your children we may live,  
Whom you in baptism did receive.

Lord, when we fall or go astray,  
Absolve and lift us up, we pray;  
And through the sacrament increase  
Our faith till we depart in peace.

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**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** were donated by Joan Allen in memory of her husband, Jim, and her mother, Helen Naumann, and by Don & Debbie Petersen in celebration of their granddaughter, Willow's baptism.

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Worship attendance: 8:00 AM – 109; 10:30 AM – 173  
Sunday School attendance: Fellowship Hall – 76; Family Room 1 – 14  
Senior ushers – 8:00 AM: Chris Paul & Jon Floerke  
10:30 AM: Todd Rovey & AJ McDunn  
Organist: Jeff Wegner

**THIS WEEK AT GRACE:**

SUN - **COMMUNION** Worship, 8:00 & 10:30 AM (LES Opening Service); Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30 AM  
MON - Choir Practice, 7:00 PM  
TUE - Church Council, 6:30 PM  
WED - First Day of School, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
THU - Worship Planning, 6:30 PM  
SUN - **Worship, 8:00 & 10:30 AM**; Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30 AM; Mr. Fredrich's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service, 3:30 PM

## **HOSPITALIZED OR RECUPERATING AT HOME:**

Carolyn Meyer

Kristen Klenk

Alexandra Janosek

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. *Forward in Christ* and August Bible-reading & activity calendars are in the Narthex and south entrance to the church.
2. Thank you to the crew that cleaned the church last week. The cleaning crew for August 21<sup>st</sup> will be captained by Marlin & Arleen Bodenstedt with Matt & Mallory Burzynski; John Eaton; David Eaton; Karen Hutchison; and Ray & Shirley McDonough.



**SUPER SATURDAY SIGN-UP...** Please use the lavender sheet in your bulletin to sign up for the Fall/Winter session of Super Saturday and give it to one of the pastors, or you may register online at [www.graceglendale.org](http://www.graceglendale.org) by clicking Bible Studies on the Home page. The classes will be held on September 18; October 23; November 20; & December 11 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is provided by the Ladies Aid. Childcare is available by request. This is a wonderful way to refresh your knowledge of Bible doctrines as well as your faith.



**ADULT CHOIR** will begin practice again TOMORROW, Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the church. All are welcome to lend their voices to sing God's praises and beautify our worship services. You do not need to be a trained musician as all levels and abilities are welcomed and encouraged.



**25 YEARS IN THE MINISTRY...** Next Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be celebrating Mr. E. John Fredrich's 25 years of service in the Lord's ministry. A special worship service will begin at 3:30 PM in the church followed by an evening meal and a celebration in the fellowship hall.

**GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER...** Another thing we missed during the pandemic was not only the joy of worship, but the joy of worshipping

*together.* Psalm 133:1 says, “How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!” This is why we gather. There is just no replacement for it. **On Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, we are going to celebrate as a church family and praise God on a very special celebration Sunday, as we re-gather after time apart.**

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**GRACE SCHOOL BEGINS...**The 2021-2022 School Year will begin on Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

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**PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION...**Grace Preschool is accepting registration for the 2021-2022 school year. If you want to schedule a tour, or if you have questions, contact Shawna Tech at 623-937-2010 ext. 319 or [stech@graceglendale.org](mailto:stech@graceglendale.org).

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...**Grace School is looking for volunteers to work one-on-one with students in reading and math during the school day. If you would be interested in volunteering to help with the upcoming 2021-2022 school year, please contact Principal Joel Walker (623-937-2010 ext. 302) or Heather Kallies (480-296-8233).

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**LWMS FALL RALLY...**The Grand Canyon – West Circuit Fall Rally is Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at Arizona Lutheran Academy and is hosted by CrossWalk Ministries. The theme is Romans 1:16, “*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes...*” The guest speakers are *Pastor John Roebke* from the One Africa team. *Pastor Roebke* and *Pastors Daniel Lindner* and *Richard Kogler* will address the campus ministry reboot efforts in The Valley. The registration fee is \$10 per person. There is a choice of attending in person or virtually. Registration forms are in the narthex.

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**BOY PIONEERS...** If you are interested in assisting as one of our train leaders, contact Chris Kallies [boypioneers@graceglendale.org](mailto:boypioneers@graceglendale.org)

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help with setting this up. Automatic or one-time deductions for offerings may also be accessed from the [graceglendale.org](http://graceglendale.org) site with the “Click Here to Donate Online” button.



**FINANCIAL UPDATE:** Need amounts are based on a goal of **\$873,142.00** by **6/30/2022**.

**Week ending 8/8/2021:**

**YTD 7/1/2021 through 8/8/2021:**

Weekly Need:	16,000.00	YTD Need:	99,000.00
Weekly Actual:	16,048.75	YTD Actual:	88,780.86
Weekly +/-:	+48.75	YTD +/-:	-10,219.14

## NEW FALL BIBLE CLASSES

Sign up on the sheets in the narthex or online at our Grace website by visiting [www.graceglendale.org](http://www.graceglendale.org).

You may sign up for as many classes as fit into your schedule. If you are unable to sign up in the narthex or online, please call or email **Alice** at



**623-937-2010, ext. 301** or [secretary@graceglendale.org](mailto:secretary@graceglendale.org) to sign up. She will need your name, phone number, and the title of the class(es) you'd like to attend. Please see details regarding each class below.

- ***Timely Topics, Timeless Truths* – Tuesday, September 7, 2:00 PM** Have you ever felt unprepared to talk about today’s hot-button issues from a Christian perspective? Do you wish you could be better equipped to defend why you believe what you do when your faith is challenged, and yet do it in a loving way? Our upcoming study, *Timely Topics, Timeless Truths*, will equip you with biblical truths for engaging in challenging issues with your family, friends, and coworkers. We will dig into such topics as Intelligent Design, Global Warming, Gender Identity, and many more. Pastor Clark will teach this class in the Fellowship Hall.
- ***The Book of Ezekiel* – Wednesday, September 8, 7:00 PM**...The phrase “They will know I am the Lord” is found some 65 times in this prophecy. The character of God as being tough on

sin as well as rich in mercy is unforgettably impressed on the reader. Some home reading and study assignments will help the student better understand what some have called the most difficult prophecy. Pastor Jacobson will teach this class in the Fellowship Hall.

- ***Galatians: The Christian Declaration of Independence*** – **Friday, September 10, 10:00 AM**...Paul wrote this epistle to Christian converts of different races and cultures who were facing the challenges of grasping the truth of “by **Christ alone**, by **grace alone**, by **faith alone**, by **justification alone**.” Class members will learn to distinguish between the righteousness of Faith and the righteousness of the Law. Luther wrote that "Galatians is my own little epistle. I have betrothed myself to it; it is my Catherine of Bora." Pastor Siegler will teach the class in the Fellowship Hall.
- ***Joshua: Claiming My Inheritance*** – **Sunday, September 12, 9:30 AM**...Joshua leads the Children of Israel into the Promised Land with special applications about our lives here and our goal of heaven. Pastor Clark will teach this class in the Fellowship Hall.
- ***Prepared to Answer*** – **Sunday, September 12, 9:30 AM**...This is a study on how Christians can better express what they believe. It is based on Dr. Mark Paustian’s books *Prepared to Answer* and *More Prepared to Answer*. The books are not necessary for the class. Pastor Jacobson will teach this class in Room 1. There is limited seating.