

Jesus is the Bread of Life

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WELCOME...

- *May the Word of God bring you comfort in Christ alone.*
 - *Check our website at 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: #462 – Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways

To keep his statutes still!

Oh, that my God would grant me grace

To know and do his will!

Order my footsteps by your Word,

And make my heart sincere;

Let sin have no dominion, Lord,

But keep my conscience clear.

Assist my soul, too apt to stray,

A stricter watch to keep;

And should I e'er forget your way,

Restore your wand'ring sheep.

Make me to walk in your commands -

'Tis a delightful road -

Nor let my head or heart or hands

Offend against my God.

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SERVICE OF THE WORD:..... p. 38

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:..... p. 38

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.

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

SONG OF THE LITURGY: p. 39



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.

M: Let us pray:

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come, give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; 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.

FIRST LESSON: Jesus fills us with forgiveness. 2 Samuel 12:13-14 ¹³Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” Nathan replied, “The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die. ¹⁴But because by doing this you have shown utter contempt for the LORD, the son born to you will die.”

SECOND LESSON: Jesus fills us with wisdom. Ephesians 5:15-20
¹⁵Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise,
¹⁶making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.
¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.
¹⁸Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to

the Lord, ²⁰always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

VERSE OF THE DAY: Alleluia. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

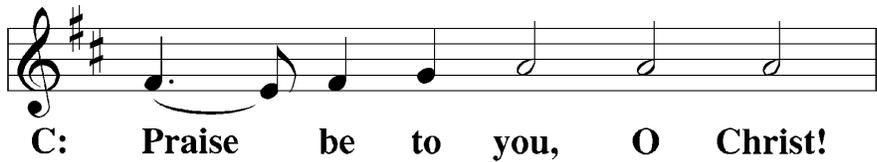
These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

(Please rise in honor of the words of Jesus.)

GOSPEL LESSON: Jesus fills us for eternity. John 6:51-58 ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.” ⁵²Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”



HYMN: #385 – Chief of Sinners Though I Be

**Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed his blood for me,
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine, I am his and he is mine!**

**Oh, the height of Jesus' love, Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity,
Love that found me -- wondrous thought!
Found me when I sought him not.**

**Only Jesus can impart Comfort to a wounded heart:
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.**

**Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me.
All my wants to him are known; All my sorrows are his own.
Safe with him in earthly strife, I await the heav'nly life.**

**Strengthen me, O gracious Lord,
By your Spirit and your word.
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.**

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SERMON:2 Samuel 12:13-14

Sin Has Dire Consequences

1. There are heavenly consequences by grace.
2. There are earthly consequences of our deeds.

APOSTLES' CREED: p. 41

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.

OFFERINGS OF LOVE TO OUR LORD

*Please fill out the "Welcome to Grace" register in your pew at this time!
Please also mark if you are communing.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: p. 42

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

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

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

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

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

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

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

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

LORD'S PRAYER:..... p. 43

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.

HYMN: #475 – The Man Is Ever Blest

**The man is ever blest Who shuns the sinners' ways,
Among their counsels never stands,
Nor takes the scorners' place,**

**But makes the law of God His study and delight
Amid the labors of the day And watches of the night.**

**He like a tree shall thrive With waters near the root.
Fresh as the leaf his name shall live;
His works are heav'nly fruit.**

**Not so the wicked man! He no such blessing finds.
His hopes shall flee like empty chaff
Before the driving winds.**

**How will he bear to stand Before that judgment seat
Where all the saints at Christ's right hand
In full assembly meet?**

**God knows and he approves The way the righteous go,
But sinners and their works shall meet
A dreadful overthrow.**

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PRAYER



BENEDICTION



CLOSING HYMN: #332 – Go, My Children, with My Blessing

**Go, my children, with my blessing, Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing - You are my own.**

**Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story;
Here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.**

**Go, my children, fed and nourished, Closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you;
Here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.**

**I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace;
I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, my children; I will keep you And give you peace.**

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ALTAR FLOWERS were donated by the congregation in celebration of Mr. Fredrich's 25th Anniversary in the ministry and by Bob & Carol Prochnow in honor of their 52nd Wedding Anniversary.



Worship attendance: 8:00 AM – 116; 10:30 AM – 216
Communion attendance: 8:00 AM – 96; 10:30 AM – 133
Sunday Sch attendance: Fellowship Hall – 106; Family Room 1 – 15
Senior ushers – 8:00 AM: Bruce Rademacher
10:30 AM: Jerry Rovey
Organist: Denise Koehnlein

THIS WEEK AT GRACE:

SUN - **Worship, 8:00 & 10:30 AM;** Bible Class & SS, 9:30 AM; Mr. Fredrich's 25th Anniversary Service, 3:30 PM
MON - Choir Practice, 7:00 PM

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 28th will be captained by Tom & Candi Allen with Quinton & Zara Presley; Deb Tennessen; and Matt & Jada Wightman.

HOSPITALIZED OR RECUPERATING AT HOME:

Carolyn Meyer

Kristen Klenk

Alexandra Janosek



SUPER SATURDAY SIGN-UP...Please use the lavender sheet in the narthex 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 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.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER...Another thing we missed during the pandemic was not only the joy of worship, but the joy of worshipping *together*. **On Sunday, September 12th & 19th, 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.** Please start thinking about who you can reach out to with a personal invitation to join us as we gather and praise God for all of his blessings. It could be a fellow member with whom you miss worshipping and serving, or anyone who would benefit from hearing the gospel message!



SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS & WE NEED TEACHERS...Connected with our God's People Gather initiative is the resumption of Sunday School. We'd especially like to have classes to meet the needs of children from age 2 through 6th grade. We would like to offer classes for those in 7th through 12th grade, but are pleased with how this age group intermingle with our adults in Bible class as well. All interested teachers and parents are encouraged to contact our Sunday School Superintendent, Monica Assaker, our Family Nurture Chairman, Matthew Wall, or with Pastor Jacobson.

25 YEARS IN THE MINISTRY...TODAY, August 22nd we are celebrating Mr. E. John Fredrich's 25 years of service in the Lord's

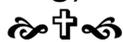
ministry. A special worship service will begin at 3:30 PM followed by an evening meal & celebration in the fellowship hall.



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.



BOY PIONEERS... We will be restarting the activities of our Lutheran Boy Pioneers train this fall. If you are interested in assisting as one of our train leaders, contact Chris Kallies (boypioneers@graceglendale.org).



LWMS FALL RALLY... The Grand Canyon – West Circuit Fall Rally is Saturday, October 2nd 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, and *Pastors Daniel Lindner & Richard Kogler* will talk about campus ministry. Registration fee is \$10 per person. You may attend in person or virtually. Registration forms are in the narthex.



DONATE FROM YOUR SMART PHONE! Scan this image using your phone’s QR code reader! Contact Debbie at ext. 322 if you have any questions or need help with setting this up. Automatic or one-time deductions for offerings may also be accessed from the 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 8/15/2021:

YTD 7/1/2021 through 8/15/2021:

Weekly Need:	16,000.00	Weekly Need:	16,000.00
Weekly Actual:	15,088.16	Weekly Actual:	15,088.16
Weekly +/-:	-911.84	Weekly +/-:	-911.84

NEW FALL BIBLE CLASSES

Sign up on the sheets in the narthex or online by visiting 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 secretary@graceglendale.org or **623-937-2010, ext. 301**. 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 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 teaches this 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 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.