

GOD'S PEOPLE  
**GATHER**

**PENTECOST 16**  
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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:** #912 – Open, Lovely Doors (*see insert*)

**INVOCATION:**.....p. 15 CWS

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit  
**C: Amen.**

M: I was glad when they said to me,  
**C: Let us go to the house of the Lord!**

M: That you would allow us to gather in worship not out of duty but  
with joy and delight,  
**C: We praise you, Lord!**

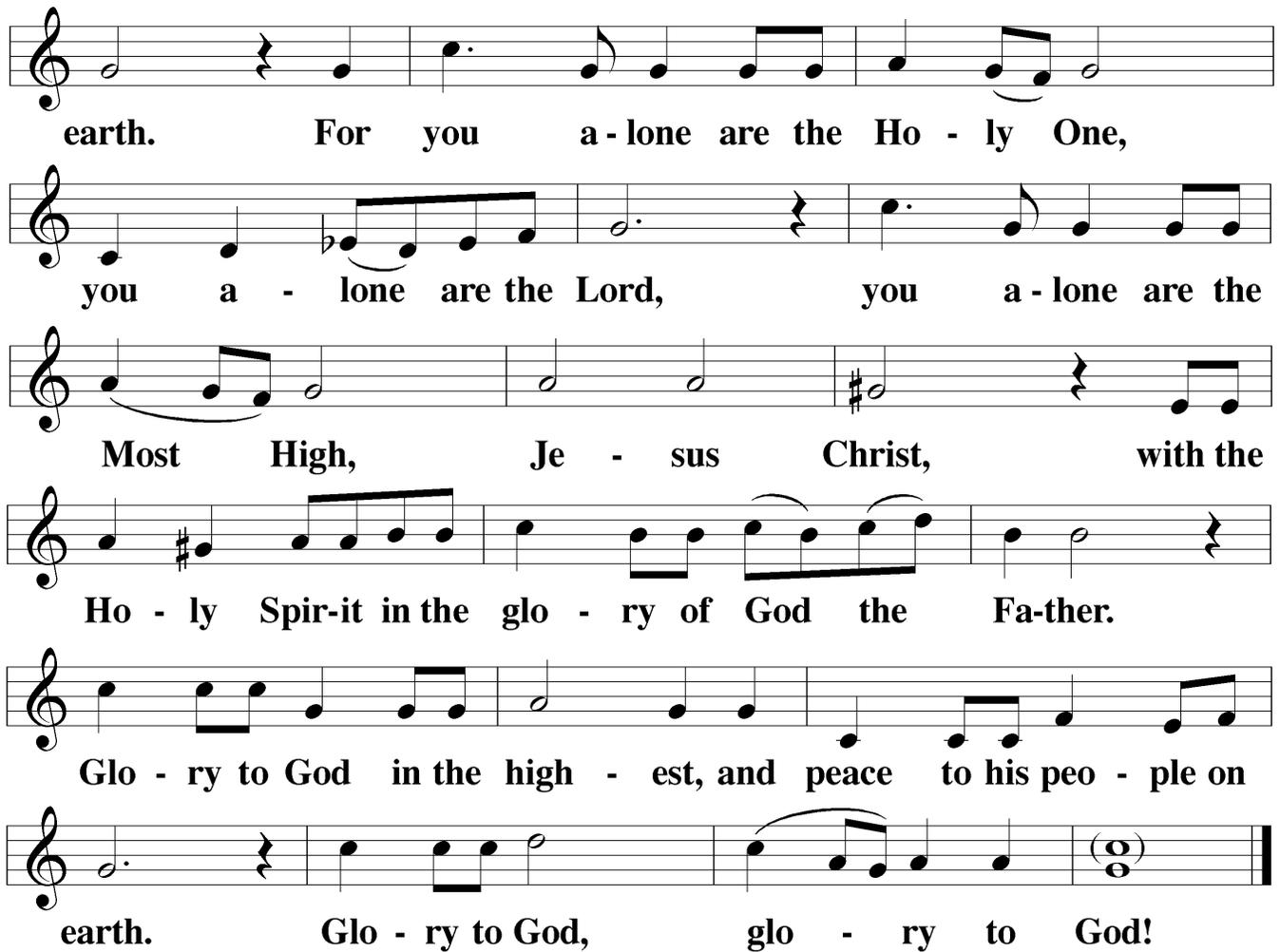
M: That you would bring us to a place where you promise to meet  
your people,  
**C: We praise you, Lord!**

M: For the blessing of seeing the sacred symbols of your house and  
the mutual encouragement found in seeing one another,  
**C: We praise you, Lord!**

M: For being with us in all places and through all situations, and  
bringing us together as members of one body of Christ,  
**C: We praise you, Lord!**

**GLORY TO GOD:** .....p. 16 CWS

**C** Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on  
earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and  
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the  
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.  
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. You are  
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re -  
ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on



earth. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the  
 Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spir-it in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther.  
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on  
 earth. Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, bless this family of believers gathered together in your name with your never-failing mercy. Preserve us from that which would keep us apart. Bind us together with the bond of your love. Help us avoid whatever is harmful and wicked. And guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**FIRST LESSON: God's people love to serve one another and alongside one another.** Acts 4:32-37 <sup>32</sup>All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. <sup>33</sup>With great power

the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all <sup>34</sup>that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales <sup>35</sup>and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need. <sup>36</sup>Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"), <sup>37</sup>sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

**MEN'S OCTET:** (8:00) ..... You Are Mine  
**JUNIOR CHOIR:** (10:30) ..... All Good Gifts

**SECOND LESSON: God's people love to gather to encourage one another.** Hebrews 10:23-25 <sup>23</sup>Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

**VERSE OF THE DAY:** Alleluia. One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. Alleluia.

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



A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: [C] Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

**GOSPEL LESSON: God's people love to gather to receive the Lord's Supper.** Matthew 6:26-28 <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup>Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

28“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.



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

**THE APOSTLES' CREED: .....p. 20 CWS**

**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.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #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.**

**Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of your purity.**

Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail,  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, as your Church is built  
And you fill the earth with your glory.

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SERMON: .....Hebrews 10:23-25

## *The Blessings of Meeting Together*

1. Corporate Worship
2. Christian Community
3. Christian Service
4. Communion

CREATE IN ME: .....p. 21 CWS

C Cre - ate in me a pure heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me.  
Do not cast me a - way from your pres - ence or

take your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
 store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -  
 hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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

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

*Please fill out the "Welcome to Grace" register in your pew at this time.*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M:** Almighty and eternal God, we give you humble and sincere thanks for the many blessings that you have bestowed on us. You have joined us to a family of believers in faith and love. We praise you especially for preserving us during this pandemic and gathering us together again today. We give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of this church, for your gracious Word, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, and for fellowship with believers. Keep our congregation faithful to your Word and renew in us an eagerness to do your work. Guide our leaders and help us join them to serve and support the mission of your Church. For these great gifts...

**C: We thank and praise you, O Lord.**

**M:** Gracious Heavenly Father, you give us the gift of family and loved ones. Hear the prayers of those who call to you in every need. Let love and patience rule between husbands and wives, parents and children. Look with kindness on those who are homebound or remain isolated. Protect them and turn them from

their fears in this world toward your Son in faith and hope.  
Restore our spirits each day by the power of the gospel, so we do not lose heart. Because you left behind the lasting legacy of your peace, sustain our homes with it and give safety to those under our roofs. For these great gifts...

**C: We thank and praise you, O Lord.**

M: Holy Spirit, as we live life as strangers and pilgrims on earth, bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. And when our last hour comes, support us by your power and receive us into your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER:**.....p. 22 CWS

**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: #532 – God Is Here! As We His People**

**God is here! As we his people Meet to offer praise and prayer,  
May we find in fuller measure What it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, All our varied skills and arts  
Wait the coming of his Spirit Into open minds and hearts.**

**Here are symbols to remind us Of our lifelong need of grace.  
Here are table, font, and pulpit; Here the cross has central place.  
Here, in honesty of preaching, Here, in silence as in speech,  
Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.**

**Here our children find a welcome In the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
Here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant Seek in worship to explore  
What it means in daily living To believe and to adore.**

**Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom, In an age of change and doubt,  
Keep us faithful to the gospel; Help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication, All we have to give, receive;  
We who cannot live without you, We adore you! We believe!**

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**PRAYER:** .....p. 27 CWS

**C: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION:** .....p. 27 CWS

**M:** 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: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** #538 – The Church’s One Foundation

**The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is his new creation By water and the Word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her To be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.**

**The Church shall never perish. Her dear Lord, to defend,  
To guide, sustain, and cherish, Is with her to the end.  
Though there be those that hate her And strive to see her fail,  
Against both foe and traitor She ever shall prevail.**

**Mid toil and tribulation And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest  
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.**

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Matthew 26:26-27 says, "Take and eat; this is my body....Drink from it, all of you." This is why we gather. There is just no replacement for it. **Next Sunday, September 19, 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.** It's not too late to reach out to someone with a personal invitation to join us as we gather and praise God for all of his blessings. Reach out to that person today. See you on celebration Sunday! Welcome back.



**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](http://www.graceglendale.org) by clicking Bible Studies on the Home page. The first class is Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Alice at 623-937-2010, ext. 301 or [secretary@graceglendale.org](mailto:secretary@graceglendale.org) to let her know whether or not you plan to attend. Childcare is available by request.



**COLLEGE CAMPUS MINISTRY...**We have a special opportunity to hear more about how our Synod serves and equips congregations in their ministry to college students. Please mark **October 3<sup>rd</sup>** on your calendar. Pastor Daniel Lindner will be our guest preacher and presenter that day. There is a signup sheet in the narthex for attending the presentation, which will start at 9:30 AM.



**ABC IN SEPTEMBER...**The Adult Breakfast & Coffee group will meet on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at Denny's, 5161 W Thunderbird Road, Glendale, at 8:30 AM. Sign up on the sheets in the Narthex.



**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 2021-2022 school year, please contact Principal Joel Walker (623-937-2010 ext. 302) or Heather Kallies.

**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, 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.*



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

**Week ending 9/5/2021:**

**YTD 7/1/2021 through 9/5/2021:**

Weekly Need:	18,000.00	YTD Need:	162,000.00
Weekly Actual:	21,492.29	YTD Actual:	152,184.67
Weekly +/-:	+3,492.29	YTD +/-:	-9,815.33