

Seek treasure that lasts

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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: #477 – What Is the World to Me

**What is the world to me
With all its vaunted pleasure
When you and you alone,
Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord,
My soul's delight shall be;
You are my peace, my rest.
What is the world to me!**

**The world seeks to be praised
And honored by the mighty,
Yet never once reflects
That they are frail and flighty.
But what I truly prize
Above all things is he,
My Jesus, he alone.
What is the world to me!**

The world seeks after wealth

**And all that money offers,
Yet never is content
Though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good;
Content with it I'll be;
My Jesus is my wealth –
What is the world to me!**

**What is the world to me!
My Jesus is my treasure,
My life, my health, my wealth,
My friend, my love, my pleasure,
My joy, my crown, my all,
My bliss eternally.
Once more then I declare:
What is the world to me!**

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INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY: *Mark 10:47*

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD: (#233) *Luke 2:14*

**All glory be to God on high!
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;
We praise you for your peace and grace,
Your favor toward our fallen race.**

**O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
You take all human sin away.
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;
From God's right hand, your mercy share.**

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Seek what the Lord loves. Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will sweep through the tribes of Joseph like a fire; it will devour them, and Bethel will have no one to quench it. ⁷There are those who turn justice into bitterness and cast righteousness to the ground....¹⁰There are those who hate the one who upholds justice in court and detest the one who tells the truth. ¹¹You levy a straw tax on the poor and impose a tax on their grain. Therefore, though you have built stone mansions, you will not live in them; though you have planted lush vineyards, you will not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins. There are those who oppress the innocent and take bribes and deprive the poor of justice in the courts. ¹³Therefore the prudent keep quiet in such times, for the times are evil. ¹⁴Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is. ¹⁵Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the LORD God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.

JUNIOR CHOIR: (8:00)..... There Is a Higher Throne

SECOND LESSON: Fix your eyes on Jesus, our greatest treasure.

Hebrews 3:1-6 ¹Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in

the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. ²He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God’s house. ³Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. ⁴For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. ⁵“Moses was faithful as a servant in all God’s house,” bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. ⁶But Christ is faithful as the Son over God’s house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

VERSE OF THE DAY: Alleluia. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation. 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 Mark chapter 10.

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

GOSPEL LESSON: Rely on Jesus above everything. Mark 10:17-

27 ¹⁷As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered.

“No one is good—except God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰“Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.” ²¹Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” ²²At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. ²³Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY: #401 – Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ

**Your works, not mine, O Christ,
Speak gladness to this heart.
They tell me all is done;
They bid my fear depart.
To whom but you,
Who can alone for sin atone,
Lord, shall I flee?**

**Your blood, not mine, O Christ,
Can heal my sinful soul;
Your wounds, not mine, contain
The balm that makes me whole.
To whom but you,
Who can alone for sin atone,**

Lord, shall I flee?

Your cross, not mine, O Christ,
Has borne the dreadful load
Of sins that none could bear
But the incarnate God.
To whom but you,
Who can alone for sin atone,
Lord, shall I flee?

Your death, not mine, O Christ,
Has paid the ransom due;
Ten thousand deaths like mine
Would have been all too few.
To whom but you,
Who can alone for sin atone,
Lord, shall I flee?

Your righteousness, O Christ,
Alone can cover me;
No other righteousness
Can set a sinner free.
To whom but you,
Who can alone for sin atone,
Lord, shall I flee?

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SERMON:Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

SEEK A GOOD LIFE

1. _____ will be disciplined.
2. _____ and live forever.

NICENE CREED:p. 32 CWS

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of
heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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.***

JUNIOR HANDBELLS: (8:00) O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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*

**Hosanna in the highest! How truly blest is he
Who in God's name is coming To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation And with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage – Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

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;
grant us your peace. A - men.

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: #313 – Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

**Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior,
Turned away God's wrath forever;
By his bitter grief and woe
He saved us from the evil foe.**

**As his pledge of love undying,
He, this precious food supplying,
Gives his body with the bread
And with the wine the blood he shed.**

**Jesus here himself is sharing;
Take heed how you are preparing,
For if you do not believe,
Judgment instead you shall receive.**

**Useless would be Jesus' passion
If salvation you could fashion.
Do not come if you suppose
You need not him who died and rose.**

**Christ says, "Come, all you that labor,
And receive my grace and favor;
Those who feel no pain or ill
Need no physician's help or skill."
Then hold fast with faith unshaken
That this food is to be taken
By the souls who are distressed,
By hearts that long for peace and rest.**

Praise the Father, who from heaven

**Unto us such food has given
And, to mend what we have done,
Gave into death his only Son.**

**If your heart this truth professes
And your mouth your sin confesses,
Surely you will be his guest
And at his banquet ever blest.**

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SONG OF SIMEON: (#289)..... 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:..... p. 37 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: #470 – Praise to You and Adoration

**Praise to you and adoration,
Blessed Jesus, Son of God,
Who, to serve your own creation,
Came to share our flesh and blood.**

**Guide me that I never may
From your fold or pastures stray,
But with zeal and joy exceeding
Follow where your steps are leading.**

**Hold me ever in your keeping;
Comfort me in pain and strife.
In my laughter and my weeping
Be with me throughout my life.
Give me greater love for you,
And my faith and hope renew
In your birth, your life, and passion,
In your death and resurrection.**

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Worship attendance: 8:00 AM – 132; 10:30 AM – 97
Sunday School attendance: Adults, Hall – 76; Rm 1 – 21; Children – 18
Tue. *Topics* Class: 12; Wed. *Ezekiel* Class: 7; Fri. *Galatians* Class: 10
Senior ushers – 8:00 AM: Bruce Rademacher & Jon Floerke
10:30 AM: Todd Rovey, Ian Walker, & Sam Jacobson
Organist: Michael Wilde

THIS WEEK AT GRACE:

- SUN - **COMMUNION** Worship, 8:00 & 10:30 AM; Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30 AM
- MON - AZ Pastoral Conference; Adult Choir Practice, 7:00 PM; Praise Ringers, 8:00 PM
- TUE - AZ Pastoral Conference
- WED - AZ Pastoral Conference; ABC @ Denny's, 8:15 AM
- FRI - *Galatians* Bible Class, 10:00 AM
- SAT - Super Saturday #2, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- SUN - **Worship, 8:00 & 10:30 AM;** Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30 AM; Voters Meeting, noon

HOSPITALIZED OR RECUPERATING AT HOME:

Carolyn Meyer – (Home)

Alexandra Janosek – (Home)

Adrienne Siffring – (Home)

Ed Junas – (Home)

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. *Forward in Christ* and October 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 October 23rd will be captained by Jerry & Dianna Rovey with Dean & Emily Rovey; Pat Rovey; Todd & Kim Rovey; and Ricky & Kelli Wilson.



SUPER SATURDAY #2 is October 23rd from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Breakfast items, snacks, and lunch are provided by the Ladies Aid. If you need childcare, include the number and ages of your children. Please RSVP to Alice Thiesfeldt at 623-937-2010, ext. 301 or secretary@graceglendale.org as soon as possible, so we can plan accurately.



COLUMBARIUM INFORMATION...Included in this week's bulletin is a brochure, which addresses some of the questions members may have regarding our Memorial Garden and Columbarium. The Columbarium Committee will be hosting a meeting for all interested members on November 14th after second service to present more details about the project and answer any questions. You can also learn more by going to the Grace website at <http://www.graceglendale.org> and follow the links to the information and forms or by contacting any member of the Columbarium Committee.

NO PUBLIC SCHOOL CONFIRMATION CLASSES through October 20th. The Public School Confirmation class will resume on October 27th.



SCRIPTURAL GREETING and THANKSGIVING CARDS are available for purchase in the fellowship hall before Bible class this

morning. Greeting cards can be purchased singly and by the box. Proceeds from sales help to support the mission work of the Grace Ladies Aid.



GRACE ONLINE CALENDAR RIGHT ON YOUR PHONE... If you subscribed to our online calendar before September 1st of this year, you need to unsubscribe from it because it cannot be updated. Please subscribe to our NEW online calendar at www.graceglendale.org/calendar. Look for the little megaphone icon!



FALL FESTIVAL is Saturday, October 30th, 5:00-7:00 PM, All are invited to attend! There will be Carnival games, Trunk-or-Treat, & Raffle Baskets (*proceeds will benefit Grace's Tuition Assistance Program*). We need volunteers to decorate their trunks for Trunk-or-Treat as well as cupcake donations for the cakewalk. You may visit www.graceglendale.org to volunteer to help. Just click on School, Sign Ups, and Fall Fest Volunteer Sign-Ups for the list of volunteer opportunities. There are also Trunk-or-Treat sign-up sheets on the school table in the narthex. Contact Mrs. Tech at stech@graceglendale.org or 623-937-2010, ext. 319 if you have questions.



FALL FESTIVAL RAFFLE BASKETS... You may purchase raffle tickets (\$1 each) from Shawna Tech on Sunday, October 24th. Raffle Baskets will be on display in the narthex. Tickets may also be purchased from the office and at Fall Fest. You do not need to be present at the drawing in order to win! Contact Shawna Tech at (623) 937-2010, ext. 319 if you have questions. All proceeds benefit Grace's Tuition Assistance.



2022 SCRIPTURAL CALENDARS are available for purchase at the Greeting Card table at the back of the hall this morning. The cost is \$8.00 per calendar, and the proceeds will go toward a youth ministry here at Grace.



ABC IN OCTOBER...The Adult Breakfast & Coffee group will meet on Wednesday, October 20th at Denny's, 5161 W Thunderbird Road in Glendale. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex so that adequate seating can be arranged. Contact Linda Bond at imbonded@hotmail.com for more information. The morning will consist of a devotion, fellowship, and breakfast (on your own)!

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JOINT REFORMATION SERVICE...“Here I Stand” – *“I will speak of your statutes before kings and will not be put to shame”* – Psalm 119:46. The West Valley Joint Reformation Service will be held here at Grace at 4:00 PM on Sunday, October 31st. It is a celebration of the 500th anniversary year of the Diet of Worms, where on April 18, 1521, Luther stood before Emperor Charles V and refused to retract his writings which were based on Holy Scripture. The central issue of the Reformation is still an issue with which every human being must wrestle today, so come and help celebrate God's undeserved grace by which the Lord guided Luther to reform his Church and bring back the pure, simple truth of the gospel of free forgiveness and eternal life through Jesus our Savior.

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES...Martin Luther College is now accepting applications for the following positions:

- **Full-time Accountant** (*closes October 26, 2021, at 12:00 PM*)
- **Part-time Custodians** (*open until filled*)
- **Part-time Women's Tennis Head Coach** (*open until filled*)
- **Part-time Athletics Equipment Manager** (*open until filled*)

Interested individuals should apply online. The comprehensive position descriptions and application link can be found at mlc-wels.edu/hr/. For additional information, contact the MLC Human Resources Office at 507.354.8221.

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

Week ending 10/10/2021: **YTD 7/1/2021 through 10/10/2021:**

Weekly Need:	16,000.00		YTD Need:	243,000.00
Weekly Actual:	11,033.96		YTD Actual:	223,863.01
Weekly +/-:	-4,966.04		YTD +/-:	-19,136.99



FOOD DRIVE...Grace Ev. Lutheran School’s food drive will run from **Wednesday, October 20th to Wednesday, November 17th**! Watch for supermarket sales! The following items are needed most, especially if they are **whole grain, low sodium, or low fat**. The food drop off dates will be coming soon.

CANNED FOODS:

- Vegetables & Fruit
- Beans & Meat
- Tuna & Chicken
- Soups & Stews

DRIED FOODS:

- Rice (1 lb. bags)
- Beans (1 lb. bags)
- Pasta (1 lb. bags)
- Cereal

MISC. ITEMS:

- Peanut Butter
- Jams & Jellies
- Breakfast Bars
- Juice

Check expiration dates on all items. Please do not donate expired items!

NO GLASS CONTAINERS, please! Glass tends to break in transit, which not only makes a messy situation, but also a very hazardous one!

VOTERS MEETING...Sunday, **October 24th at noon**. A light lunch will be served immediately following the late service for those attending the meeting. All Grace Members are welcome and encouraged to attend. We will be electing officers for 2022. Following is a list of offices and candidates. *(i) denotes incumbent*

President Chris Kallies (i) **Treasurer** Mike Bales (i)
Family Nurture Chair Matt Wall (i) **Outreach Chair** Mark Breiling (i)
Elders: John Stevenson (i) **School Board:** Scott Hill (i)
Jerry Rovey (i) Jake Oliphant (i)
Larry White (i) Brady Cherney (i)
Pat Walker (i) Andrew Hermanson



Dear Grace Family,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you on Sunday, October 3. It was a joy to be with you in person and see some of the ways that the Lord has been blessing your congregation.

My prayer is that you continue to serve your members who are attending college and that you will also be able to serve students from Grand Canyon University and other nearby colleges. God's blessings to you!

In Christ,

Pastor Daniel M. Lindner