

God's Plan for Marriage

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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.*

OPENING HYMN: #497 – This Is My Will

**This is my will, my one command,
That love should dwell among you all.
This is my will, that you should love
As I have shown that I love you.**

**"No greater love can any have
Than that one die to save his friends.
You are my friends if you obey
What I command that you should do.**

**"I call you now no longer slaves;
No slave knows all the master does.
I call you friends, for all I hear
My Father say, you hear from me.**

**"You chose not me, but I chose you,
That you should go and bear much fruit.
I chose you out that you in me
Should bear much fruit that will abide.**

**"All that you ask my Father dear
For my name's sake you shall receive.
This is my will, my one command,
That love should dwell in each, in all.**

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MORNING PRAISE: p. 45

M: O Lord, open my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de- clare your praise.

M: Hasten to save me, O God.



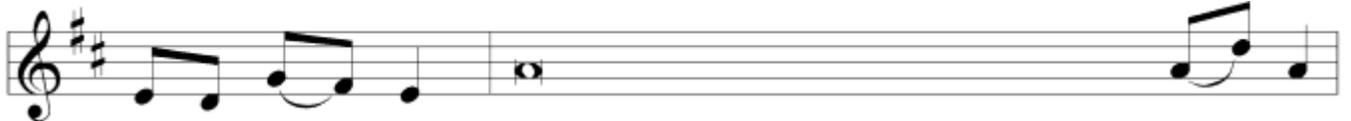
C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

M: The Spirit of the Lord fills the world: let us worship him.

SONG OF THE LITURGY: Oh, Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord p. 46



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



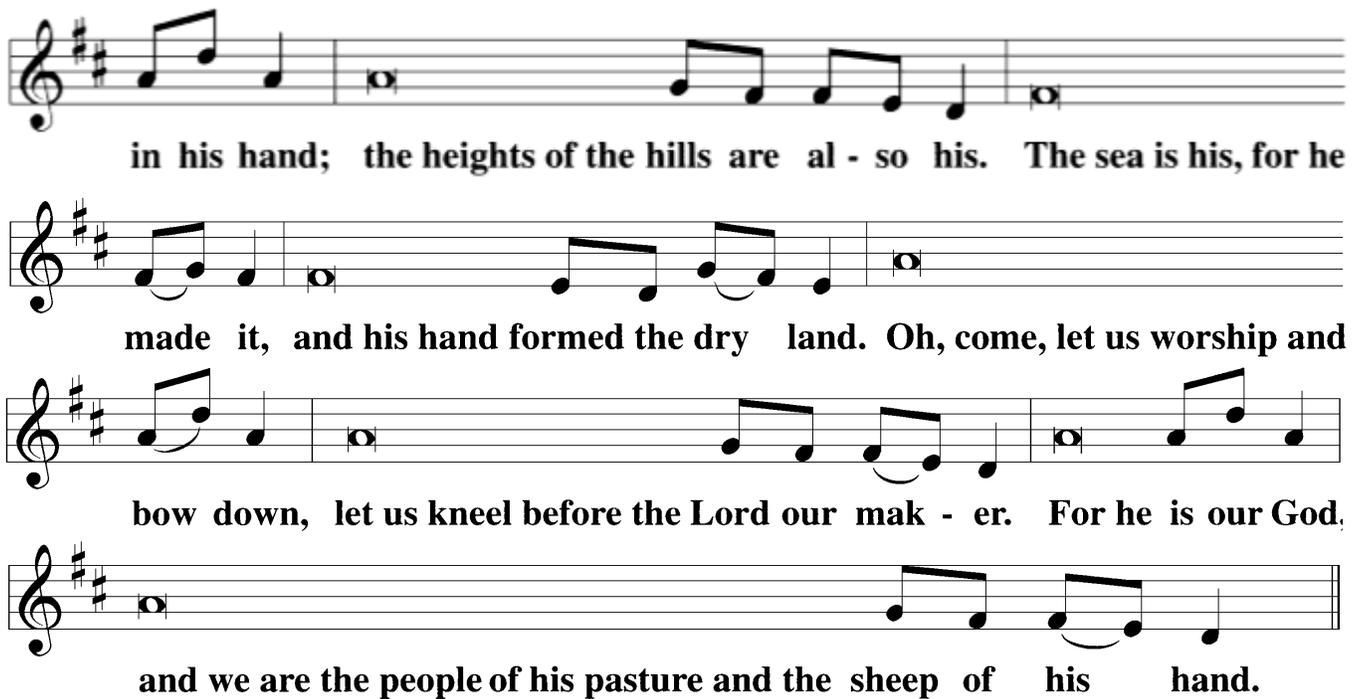
our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he
 made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and
 bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,
 and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

FIRST LESSON: God’s plan for marriage was established in the beginning. Genesis 2:18-24 ¹⁸The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.” ¹⁹Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. ²¹So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. ²²Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. ²³The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.” ²⁴That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

MEN’S CHORUS: (8:00)..... God of Our Fathers
ADULT CHOIR: (10:30).....Here I Am, Lord

SECOND LESSON: God’s plan for marriage is blessed with clear teaching. Ephesians 5:21-6:4 ²¹Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. ²²Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— ³⁰for we are members of his body. ³¹“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” ³²This is a profound mystery — but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband... ¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²“Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— ³“so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” ⁴Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

VERSE OF THE DAY: Alleluia. I will proclaim your name to my people; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you. Alleluia.

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

GOSPEL LESSON: God’s plan for marriage was affirmed by Jesus. Mark 10:2-16 ²Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³“What did Moses command you?” he replied. ⁴They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.” ⁵“It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,” Jesus replied.

⁶“But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ ⁷‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, ⁸and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” ¹⁰When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. ¹¹He answered, “Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. ¹²And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.” ¹³People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #498 – Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

**Though I may speak with bravest fire
And have the gift to all inspire
And have not love, my words are vain --
As sounding brass -- and hopeless gain.**

**Though I may give all I possess
And, striving so, my love profess
But not be giv'n by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.**

**Come, Spirit, come; our hearts control.
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide ev'ry deed;
By this we worship and are freed.**

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SERMON:Genesis 2:18-24

WHAT THE FIRST WEDDING ALBUM TELLS US...

1. ...about God’s love for Adam and Eve.
2. ...about the life of husbands and wives.

HYMN: #506 – Oh, Blest the House, Whate’er Befall

**Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall,
Where Jesus Christ is all in all!
A home that is not wholly his --
How sad and poor and dark it is!**

**Oh, blest that house where faith you find
And all within have set their mind
To trust their God and serve him still
And do in all his holy will.**

**Oh, blest the parents who give heed
Unto their children's foremost need
And weary not of care or cost.
May none to them and heav'n be lost!**

**Blest such a house; it prospers well.
In peace and joy the parents dwell,
And in their children's lives is shown
How richly God can bless his own.**

**Then here will I and mine today
A solemn promise make and say:
Though all the world forsake his Word,
I and my house will serve the Lord!**

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FIRSTFRUIT OFFERINGS TO OUR LORD

Please fill out the “Welcome to Grace” register in your pew at this time!

Praise Ringers: (8:00).....Let All Things Now Living

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD, HAVE MERCY:..... p. 50

M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



C: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

LORD’S PRAYER:..... p. 50

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.

PRAYER FOR GRACE: Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

M: Let us praise the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING:..... p. 51

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



C: A - men.

CLOSING HYMN: #500 – For Christian Homes, O Lord, We Pray

**For Christian homes, O Lord, we pray,
That you might dwell with us each day.
Make ours a place where you are Lord,
Where all is governed by your Word.**

**We are the children of your grace;
Our homes are now your dwelling-place.
In you we trust and daily live;
Teach us to serve and to forgive.**

**United in a bond of love,
We lift our eyes to you above.
From you we gain the strength to live,
The wish to share, the joy to give.**

**Protect us and our loved ones dear
From pain and sorrow, want and fear;
Yet when we must our burdens bear,
"Your will be done" shall be our prayer.**

**And when you call us all to rest,
Then will we have a home more blest,
See all our care and sorrow cease,
And find with Christ eternal peace.**

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IN HIS INFINITE WISDOM, the Lord called the soul of Mary Davis home to heaven on Thursday, September 30, 2021. A memorial service will be held for Mary on Monday, October 11 at 11:30 AM. A light luncheon will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall. The family cordially invites anyone from Grace to join them for this service and meal.



Worship attendance: 8:00 AM – 142; 10:30 AM – 181
Communion attendance: 8:00 AM – 136; 10:30 AM – 94
Sunday School attendance: Adults, Hall – 73; Rm 1 – 10;
Rm 2 – 23; Children – 31
Tue. *Topics* Class: no class; Wed. *Ezekiel*: 8; Fri. *Galatians*: 9
Senior ushers – 8:00 AM: Nicholas Lincoln
10:30 AM: Jerry Rovey & John Sullivan
Pianist: Lara Johnson

THIS WEEK AT GRACE:

SUN - **Worship, 8:00 & 10:30 AM;**
Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30 AM
MON - Boy Pioneers, 6:30 PM; Adult Choir Practice, 7:00 PM;
Praise Ringers, 8:00 PM
TUE - *Timely Topics* Class, 7:00 PM; All Meeting Night, 7:00 PM
WED - School Early Release, 11:30 AM; *Ezekiel* Class, 7:00 PM;
NO Pub. Conf. Class
THU - NO School – P/T Consultations;
Church Council Meeting, 6:30 PM
FRI - NO School – Fall Break; *Galatians* Bible Class, 10:00 AM

HOSPITALIZED OR RECUPERATING AT HOME:

Carolyn Meyer – 4716 W Hayward Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85301-1535
(Home)
Alexandra Janosek – 3411 W Hayduk Road, Laveen, AZ 85339-2503
(Home)
Adrienne Siffring – 7319 W Sweetwater Avenue, Peoria, AZ 85381
(Home)
Ed Junas – 4001 W Tuckey Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85019-1240 (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 16th will be captained by E. John Fredrich with Jo Beadle; Dawn & Deidrah Brown; Eleora Fredrich; Alex Janosek; Eileen Sullivan; and Jeff Wegner.



NO PUBLIC SCHOOL CONFIRMATION CLASSES on October 6 – 20. Confirmation class will resume on October 27th.



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)!



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.



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.



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. *Please use your checking or savings account information rather than a credit or debit card to save the processing fees.*



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

| Week ending 10/03/2021: | | YTD 7/1/2021 through 10/23/2021: | |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|------------|
| Weekly Need: | 18,000.00 | YTD Need: | 227,000.00 |
| Weekly Actual: | 19,249.00 | YTD Actual: | 212,829.05 |
| Weekly +/-: | +1,249.00 | YTD +/-: | -14,170.95 |



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!