

Give thanks to the Lord who supplies all your needs



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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: #612 – Praise to God, Immortal Praise

**Praise to God, immortal praise,
For the love that crowns our days.
Bounteous Source of ev'ry joy,
Let your praise our tongues employ.
All to you, our God, we owe,
Source whence all our blessings flow.**

**All the plenty summer pours,
Autumn's rich, o'erflowing stores,
Flocks that whiten all the plain,
Yellow sheaves of ripened grain --
Lord, for these our souls shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise.**

**Peace, prosperity, and health,
Private bliss and public wealth,
Knowledge with its gladd'ning streams,
True religion's holier beams --
Lord, for these our souls shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise.**

**As your prosp'ring hand has blest,
May we give you of our best
And by deeds of kindly love
For your mercies grateful prove,
Singing thus through all our days:
"Praise to God, immortal praise."**

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OPENING SENTENCES:Psalm 66 (NIV)

M: Shout for joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious. Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.

C: **All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing the praises of your name."**

M: Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for mankind!

C: **He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot— come, let us rejoice in him.**

M: He rules forever by his power, his eyes watch the nations— let not the rebellious rise up against him.

C: **Praise our God, all peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard; he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping.**

M: For you, God, tested us; you refined us like silver. You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs. You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance.

C: **I will come to your temple with burnt offerings and fulfill my vows to you—vows my lips promised and my mouth spoke when I was in trouble. I will sacrifice fat animals to you and an offering of rams; I will offer bulls and goats.**

M: Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me.

C: **I cried out to him with my mouth; his praise was on my tongue.**

M: If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened; but God has surely listened and has heard my prayer.

C: Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!

SONG OF THE LITURGY:#260 – Let All Things Now Living

- 1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.**
- 2. His law he enforces; The stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine.
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing.
With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
“To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!”**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

FIRST LESSON: Give thanks, God supplies blessings even during difficult times. Genesis 8:15–22 (NIV) ¹⁵Then God said to Noah, ¹⁶“Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. ¹⁷Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you—

the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground—so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number on it.”¹⁸ So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives.¹⁹ All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds—everything that moves on land—came out of the ark, one kind after another.²⁰ Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it.²¹ The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: “Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.²² “As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.”

C: I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

GRADES PK – 8:..... Great Is the Lord

SECOND LESSON: Give thanks, God supplies blessings so that you may serve others. 2 Corinthians 9:9–15 (NIV) ⁹As it is written: “They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.” ¹⁰Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. ¹²This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. ¹³Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. ¹⁴And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because

of the surpassing grace God has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

C: I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil.

GOSPEL LESSON: Give thanks, God supplies blessings and deserves our praise. Matthew 15:29-38 (NIV) ²⁹Jesus left there and went along the Sea of Galilee. Then he went up on a mountainside and sat down. ³⁰Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at his feet; and he healed them. ³¹The people were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled made well, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel. ³²Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way." ³³His disciples answered, "Where could we get enough bread in this remote place to feed such a crowd?" ³⁴"How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked. "Seven," they replied, "and a few small fish." ³⁵He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. ³⁶Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people. ³⁷They all ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ³⁸The number of those who ate was four thousand men, besides women and children.

C: All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

HYMN: #609 – We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator!
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring:
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.**

**We worship you, God of our fathers; we bless you.
Through trial and tempest our guide you have been;
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.**

**With voices united our praises we offer;
To you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.
Your strong arm will guide us; our God is beside us.
To you, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise!**

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SERMON TEXT:Proverbs 30:7-9

LORD, ONLY GIVE ME WHAT I NEED

1. Don't give me _____.
2. Don't give me _____.

HYMN: #410 – Our Father, Who from Heaven Above (*st. 1, 5, & 9*)

**Our Father, who from heav'n above
Bids all of us to live in love
As members of one family
And pray to you in unity,
Teach us no thoughtless words to say,
But from our inmost hearts to pray.**

**Give us today our daily bread,
And let us all be clothed and fed.
From hardship, war, and earthly strife,
From sickness, famine, spare our life.
Let selfishness and worry cease
That we may live in godly peace.**

**Amen, that is, it shall be so.
Make strong our faith that we may know
That we may doubt not but believe
What here we ask we shall receive.
Thus in your name and at your Word
We say, "Amen. Oh, hear us, Lord!"**

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OFFERINGS OF LOVE TO OUR LORD

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

RESPONSIVE PRAYER:

M: Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

C: **Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.**

M: Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

C: **Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.**

M: Thank you for our cities and our country sides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

C: **Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.**

M: Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

C: **Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings.

Silent prayer.

M: Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

C: Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: #610 – Now Thank We All Our God

**Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In whom his world rejoices,
Who from our mother's arms Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.**

**Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever-joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in his grace And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.**

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Organist: Denise Koehnlein



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Konrad & Ruth Lincoln	...Norbert & Irma Loeper and Edwin & Fern Lincoln.
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Name of Donor	Thanks to the Lord for...
James & Christine Brenner	...all of our many blessings.
Pastor & Bonnie Clark	...the good people of Grace.
Jerry & Dianna Rovey	...all His blessings.

THOSE WHO MARKED THAT THEY WANTED FLOWERS MAY PICK THEM UP IN THE SACRISTY AFTER THE SERVICE TODAY.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE...Parents of students who do not attend Grace Lutheran School may sign up in the narthex for their child(ren) to participate in the Children's Christmas Service, Sunday, December 19th at 4:00 PM. Group practices will take place on the following Sundays: December 12th & 19th from 9:30 to 10:15 AM. There will be no Sunday School for Grades K-8 on those two Sundays. Please take a "We Sing to His Glory" booklet from the school table in the narthex to practice at home. Contact Mr. Walker at (623) 937-2010, ext. 302 if you have any questions. We hope your child can join us in this special presentation of the coming of our Savior.

Dear Grace Members:

Please show your thanks to the fine organists and pianists who serve us throughout the year by making a financial gift to be divided among our musicians. We do not pay our organists, nor do we buy their music for them. At this time of the year, we all have the opportunity to show them what a blessing they are to us!



Our organists in 2021 were:

Denise Koehnlein Terry Greening
Jeff Wegner Michael Wilde

Our pianists in 2021 were:

Lara Johnson Stacey Hill

Checks (payable to **Grace Ev. Lutheran Church** with “Organist Gift” on the memo line) or Cash (in envelope with your name &/or envelope # and “Organist Gift” written on the outside) may be placed in the offering plates or turned in to the office by December 31st.

**Thank you! And special thanks to our Organists and Pianists!
We are very BLESSED to have such a talented group of musicians!**

Sincerely,
Chris Kallies
President





UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Christmas Decorating** – Sunday, November 28, 11:30 AM
- **Advent by Candlelight** – Sunday, November 28, 5:00 PM
- **Super Saturday #4** – December 11th, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- **Celebration of Christmas** – Sunday, December 12th, 6:00 PM
- **Children’s Christmas Service** – Sunday, December 19th, 4:00 PM
- **Candlelight Services** – Friday, December 24th, 5:00 & 7:00 PM
- **Christmas Day** – Saturday, December 25th, 9:00 AM
- **Christmas Song Fest** – Sunday, December 26th, 9:30 AM
- **New Year’s Eve COMMUNION Service** – Friday, December 31, 2021, 6:00 PM

