

Greatness in the Kingdom of God

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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: #397 – Just as I Am, without One Plea

**Just as I am, without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for me
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am; thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down.
Now to be thine, yea thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

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HOLY BAPTISM: 8:00)..... p. 12
(Elliott Shepherd Flint)

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.

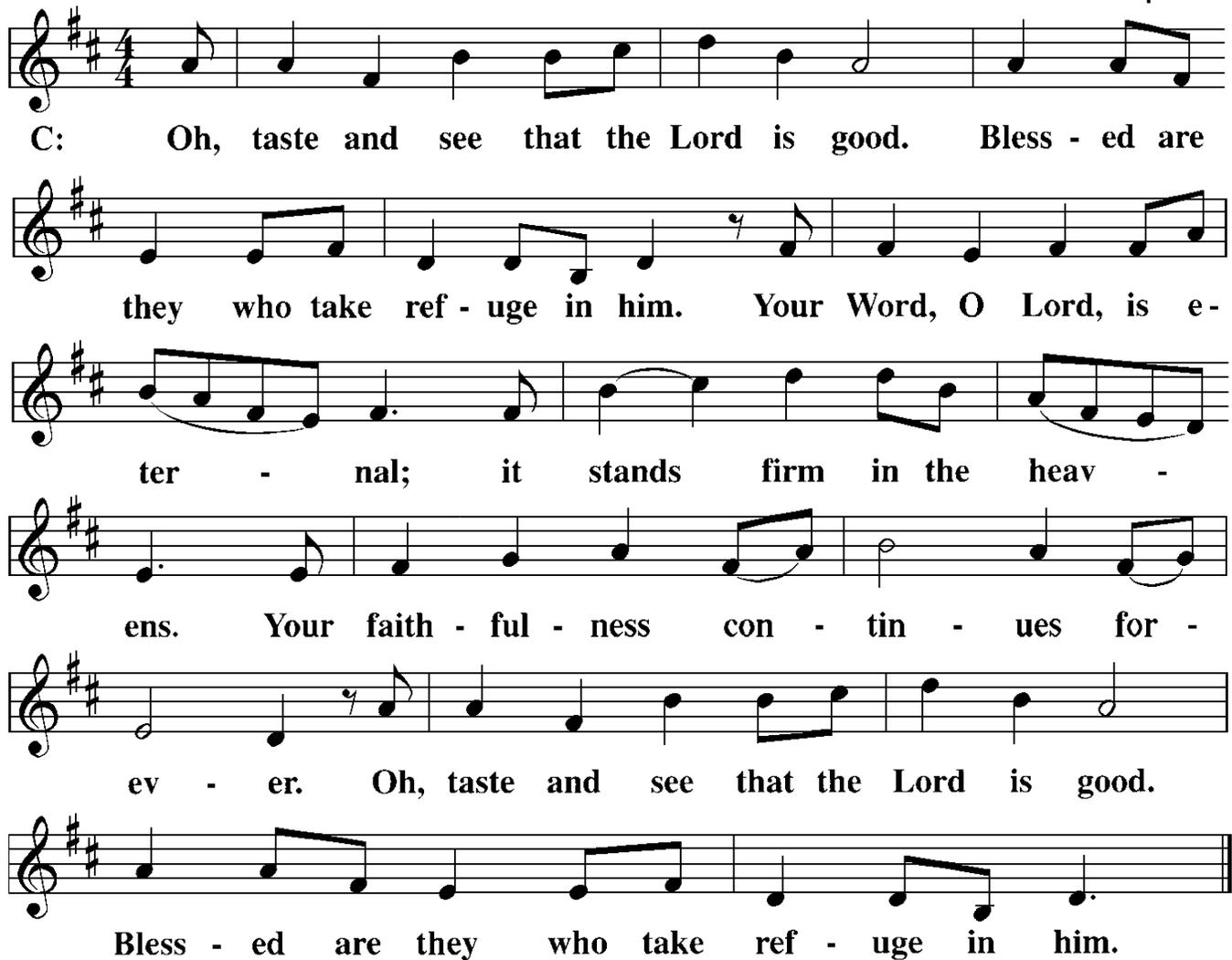
C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

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: Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom to serve you in willing obedience; 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: This greatness grows out of trust in the Lord.

Jeremiah 11:18-20 ¹⁸Because the LORD revealed their plot to me, I

knew it, for at that time he showed me what they were doing. ¹⁹I had been like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter; I did not realize that they had plotted against me, saying, "Let us destroy the tree and its fruit; let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more." ²⁰But you, LORD Almighty, who judge righteously and test the heart and mind, let me see your vengeance on them, for to you I have committed my cause.

GRADES 5-8: (8:00).....Ready Lord
ADULT CHOIR: (10:30)..... Come Follow Me

SECOND LESSON: This greatness seeks the wisdom of God's

Word. James 3:13-18 ¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

VERSE OF THE DAY: Alleluia. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Alleluia.

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

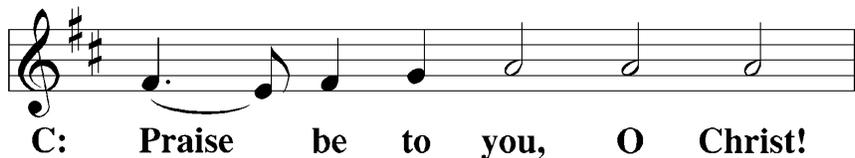
These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

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



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

GOSPEL LESSON: This greatness imitates Christ's humble service. Mark 9:30-37 ³⁰They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." ³²But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it. ³³They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" ³⁴But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. ³⁵Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all." ³⁶He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."



HYMN: #486 – Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

**Lord of glory, you have bought us
With your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice,
And with that have freely given
Blessings countless as the sand
To th' unthankful and the evil
With your own unsparing hand.**

**Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you
Gladly, freely, of your own.
With the sunshine of your goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by you, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.**

**Wondrous honor you have given
To our humblest charity
In your own mysterious sentence,
"You have done it unto me."
Can it be, O gracious Master,
That you need what we can do,
Saying by your poor and needy,
"Give as I have giv'n to you"?**

**Yes, the sorrow and the suff'rings
Which on ev'ry hand we view
Channels are for gifts and off'rings
Due by solemn right to you,
Right of which we may not rob you,
Debt we may not choose but pay
Lest that face of love and pity
Turn from us another day.**

**Lord of glory, you have bought us
With your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust you boldly,
Hope, to stay our souls on you;
But, oh, best of all your graces,
With your love our love renew.**

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SERMON: Mark 9:30-37

The Greatest of All Is the Servant of All

1. This service begins with our understanding of the Gospel.
2. This Gospel moves all others ahead of ourselves.

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!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER: p. 42-43

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: #403 – I Know My Faith Is Founded

**I know my faith is founded
On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;
And this my faith confessing,**

**Unmoved I stand upon his Word.
Man's reason cannot fathom
The truth of God profound;
Who trusts in worldly wisdom
Relies on shifting ground.
God's Word is all-sufficient,
It makes divinely sure,
And, trusting in its wisdom,
My faith shall rest secure.**

**Increase my faith, dear Savior,
For Satan seeks by night and day
To rob me of this treasure
And take my hope of bliss away.
But, Lord, with you beside me
I shall be undismayed;
And led by your good Spirit,
I shall be unafraid.
Abide with me, O Savior,
A firmer faith bestow.
Then I shall bid defiance
To ev'ry evil foe.**

**In faith, Lord, let me serve you;
Though persecution, grief, and pain
Should seek to overwhelm me,
Let me a steadfast trust retain.
And then at my departure,
Lord, take me home to you,
And let me there inherit
All you have promised me.
In life and death, Lord, keep me
Until your heav'n I gain,
Where I by your great mercy
The end of faith attain.**

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PRAYER



BENEDICTION



CLOSING HYMN: #395 – Seek Where You May to Find a Way

**Seek where you may To find a way
That leads to your salvation.
My heart is stilled; On Christ I build
He is the one foundation.
His Word is sure; His works endure.
He will o'erthrow My ev'ry foe;
Through him I more than conquer.**

**Seek whom you may To be your stay;
None can redeem his brother.
All helpers failed; This man prevailed,
The God-Man, and none other.
The Servant-Lord Our life restored.
We're justified, For he has died,
The guiltless for the guilty.**

**Seek him alone, Who did atone,
Who did your souls deliver;
Oh, seek him first, All you who thirst
For grace that fails you never.
In ev'ry need Seek him indeed;
To ev'ry heart He will impart
His blessings without measure.**

**My heart's delight, My crown most bright,
Jesus, you are forever.
Not wealth or pride Or aught beside
Our bond of love shall sever.
You are my Lord; Your precious Word
Shall be my guide What e'er betide.
Oh, teach me, Lord, to trust you!**

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Worship attendance: 8:00 AM – 138; 10:30 AM – 145
Communion attendance: 8:00 AM – 128; 10:30 AM – 72
Sunday School attendance: Adults, Hall – 78; Adults, Room 1 – 25;
Children – 34
Tue. *Topics* Class: 15; Wed. *Ezekiel*: 14; Fri. *Galatians* Class: 10
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 Classes & Sunday School, 9:30 AM
- MON - Boy Pioneers, 6:30 PM; Adult Choir Practice, 7:00 PM; Praise Ringers, 8:00 PM
- TUE - Newsletter Assembly, 9:00 AM; *Timeless Topics & Truths* Bible Class, 2:00 PM
- WED - Public School Confirmation Class, 6:30 PM; *Ezekiel* Class, 7:00 PM
- FRI - *Galatians* Bible Class, 10:00 AM

HOSPITALIZED OR RECUPERATING AT HOME:

- Carolyn Meyer – 4716 W Hayward Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85301-1535
(Home)
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(Home)

Adrienne Siffring – 7319 W Sweetwater Avenue, Peoria, AZ 85381
(Home)

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85021 (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 2nd will be captained by Dale Lederer with Monica Assaker; James, Christine, & Amanda Brenner; and John, Lynn, Cody, & Andy Graft.



NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY will be Tuesday, September 28th at 9:00 AM in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome to come and help. It's a wonderful time to work together with other Grace members and get to know them better. It's also a great way to serve Grace and our Lord.



WELS/ELS Singles Facebook Group...If you're single (*unmarried, divorced, widowed*) and looking to socialize, make friends, or enjoy fellowship with other singles who share your faith, we encourage you to join our Facebook group! Our group consists of over 500 members from around the world with ages ranging from 18 years to 65+ years. We are an active group sharing Biblical encouragement, prayers, Lutheran memes, personal victories, and food. Our page is full of discussion posts, and we typically have a weekly video hangout on Sunday evenings. We'd love to have you join us.



COOKIE DONATIONS NEEDED...Our cookie supply for Sunday Morning Fellowship Time is running low. Bring cookies to the kitchen labelled "Sunday Fellowship." There is also room to sign up to help serve cookies. The sign-up sheet is on the counter where cookies are served. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

ABC IN OCTOBER...The Adult Breakfast & Coffee group will meet on the first Wednesday, October 6th at IHOP, 6601 W Peoria Avenue in Glendale at 8:30 AM. On the third Wednesday, October 20th, ABC will meet at Denny's, 5161 West Thunderbird Road in Glendale from 8:15 to 10:00 AM. 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)!



BOY PIONEERS will meet tomorrow, September 27th at 6:30 PM. All boys in 3rd through 6th grades are welcome to join. If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact Chris Kallies at kalliesfamily@gmail.com or call 480-294-1495.



COLLEGE CAMPUS MINISTRY...We have a special opportunity next Sunday to hear more about how our Synod serves and equips congregations in their ministry to college students. Please mark **October 3rd** on your calendar. We will have a guest preacher and presenter that day. Pastor Daniel Lindner serves as our WELS Campus Ministry Mission Counselor and will inform and encourage us about opportunities that we have with our own college students and some of the campuses near Grace. There's a signup sheet in the narthex for attending the presentation, which will start at 9:30 AM. Location to be determined. Sign up soon, so we know how to plan.



LWMS FALL RALLY...The Grand Canyon – West Circuit Fall Rally is this coming Saturday, October 2nd at Arizona Lutheran Academy and is hosted by CrossWalk Ministries. The registration fee is \$10 per person. You may attend in person or virtually. Registration forms are in the narthex. The theme for this rally 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 rebooting the campus ministry program in our area.

SCRIPTURAL GREETING CARDS are available for purchase in the fellowship hall this morning during Fellowship Time. All card proceeds support the Ladies Aid ministries. **2022 CALENDARS** will soon be available. Calendars will sell for \$8.⁰⁰ each, and profits will go to a youth ministry at Grace. See Veneva Lincoln for more information.



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 623-937-2010, ext. 319 or stech@graceglendale.org if you have questions.



FOOD DRIVE...Grace Ev. Lutheran School's food drive will be starting soon! 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!



JOB OPPORTUNITY...Martin Luther College is now accepting applications for a **Part-time Women's Tennis Head Coach** and a **Full-time Director of Information Technology**. Interested individuals should apply online. Applications will be accepted

through 12:00 PM on Tuesday, October 5th. 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.



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 9/19/2021:

YTD 7/1/2021 through 9/19/2021:

Weekly Need:	16,000.00	YTD Need:	194,000.00
Weekly Actual:	14,612.11	YTD Actual:	180,109.30
Weekly +/-:	-1,387.89	YTD +/-:	-13,890.70