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STEWARDSHIP CHALLENGE

January 30, 2022

**A Life of Hospitality**



**And gladly glorify you.  
Your mercy show and grace bestow  
On all who still deny you.**

**Salvation true by faith in you  
That is your gospel's preaching,  
The heart and core of Bible lore  
In all its sacred teaching.  
In Christ we must put all our trust,  
Not in our deeds or labor;  
With conscience pure and heart secure  
Love you, Lord, and our neighbor.**

**Lord, you alone this work have done  
By your free grace and favor.  
All who believe will grace receive  
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
And though the foe would overthrow  
Your Word with grim endeavor,  
All he has wrought must come to naught  
Your Word will stand forever!**

**Since you are mine, my Lord divine,  
Death holds no dreadful terrors;  
Your precious blood, my highest good,  
Has blotted out my errors.  
My thanks to you -- Your Word is true!  
Fulfill your promise ever,  
And mercy give while here I live  
And heav'nly bliss forever.**

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## **GATHERING RITE:**

*Music begins playing underneath spoken word.*

**M:** We begin our worship in the same way we were baptized: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:

M: Heavenly Father, you have blessed us with gifts to serve you and our neighbor. We repent for times we have used those gifts selfishly instead of generously and selflessly. Forgive us and let your peace rule our lives.

**C: ♪ May the peace of God my Father Rule my life in everything,  
That I may be calm to comfort Sick and sorrowing. (CW467:3)**

M: Dear Savior Jesus, you have shown us the full extent of your love by giving your life for ours on the cross. Though that love is what ought to motivate our service, too often our service is grudgingly given, motivated by guilt and obligation, instead of generously given, motivated by your love. Forgive us and let your love fill our lives.

**C: ♪ May the love of Jesus fill me As the waters fill the sea,  
Him exalting self-abasing – This is victory. (CW467:4)**

M: O Holy Spirit, you want all people to be saved by the power of the Gospel. You also tell us that you use our Christian lives and service to lead them to hearing the Gospel. We are sorry when people see sin in our lives and not the good deeds you desire from us. Forgive us and live within us.

**C: ♪ May his Spirit live within me As I seek the lost to win,  
And may they forget the channel, Seeing only him. (CW467:6)**

M: As a called servant of the Triune God, I announce to you his grace and forgiveness. On behalf of and by the command of our Savior Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C: ♪ May the mind of Christ my Savior Live in me from day to day,  
By his love and pow'r inspiring All I do or say.**

**May the Word of God dwell richly In my heart from hour to hour,  
So that all may see I triumph Only through his pow'r. (CW467:1-2)**

M: We pray:

Almighty God, you sent your Son to become one of us to cleanse us and claim us. Give to us the same spirit of hospitality Jesus had to

look on each stranger as someone you love, and therefore worthy of our time and concern; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**C: ♪ May I run the race before me, Strong and brave to face the foe,  
Looking only unto Jesus As I onward go. (CW467:5)**

**FIRST LESSON: Led by God, we ought not hesitate to sacrifice for hospitality.** Genesis 18:1-15 <sup>1</sup>The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, “If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant.” “Very well,” they answered, “do as you say.” <sup>6</sup>So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. “Quick,” he said, “get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread.” <sup>7</sup>Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree. <sup>9</sup>“Where is your wife Sarah?” they asked him. “There, in the tent,” he said. <sup>10</sup>Then one of them said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.” Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. <sup>11</sup>Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, “After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?” <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really have a child, now that I am old?’ <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.” <sup>15</sup>Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, “I did not laugh.” But he said, “Yes, you did laugh.”

**M: The Word of the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**ADULT CHOIR:** (8:00) .....The Gift of Love  
**GRADES PK-K:** (10:30)..... Love

**SECOND LESSON: An example of hospitality.** Acts 2:42-47 <sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup>Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup>They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup>Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

M: The Word of the Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Alleluia. .... *Hebrews 13:2*

**GOSPEL LESSON: Jesus offers hospitality on his way to offering salvation.** Matthew 9:9-13 <sup>9</sup>As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. <sup>10</sup>While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup>On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. <sup>13</sup>But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

M: The Gospel of the Lord.  
C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** #494 (730) – Blest Be the Tie that Binds  
**Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.**

**Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
Our comforts and our cares.**

**We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.**

**When here our pathways part, We suffer bitter pain;  
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet again.**

**From sorrow, toil, and pain And sin we shall be free  
And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.**

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**SERMON TEXT:..... Matthew 9:9-13**

### ***Eating with Sinners***

**CONFESSION OF FAITH: ..... The Apostles' Creed**

**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**

**M:** Almighty Father, you are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing. You give us time, energy, talents, and treasures. Because of you we can say with the psalmist, "the boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places." Your Word teaches us of your great love for

us and how to love our neighbor. Give us wisdom in using your gifts in God-pleasing ways. Lord in your mercy:

**C: Hear our prayer.**

M: Lord Jesus Christ, you tell us that “what people value highly is detestable in God’s sight.” Help us to recognize our true treasure in you, our Savior and our God. Protect us from the devil who would have us marvel at insignificant things as a treasure, while neglecting the great gifts you give us in your Word and Sacraments. Give us wisdom in cherishing you and your greater gifts in God-pleasing ways. Lord, in your mercy:

**C: Hear our prayer.**

M: Holy Spirit, you have set us apart and made our bodies your temple. You live in us. Your Word teaches us who we really are by the grace of God and through the innocent suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Give us wisdom to see that godliness with contentment is great gain and grow in us the fruit that is pleasing to you Lord, in your mercy:

**C: Hear our prayer.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Accept our prayers for the sake of Jesus our Savior. Help us to not be arrogant nor put our hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but help us put our hope in you, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment, for Jesus, our Savior’s sake. 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.**

## **NEW HYMNAL DEDICATION**

**SERMON HYMN: #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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**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: #341 (511) – Crown Him with Many Crowns**

**Crown him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of love – Behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his wond'ring eye  
At mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing  
Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die.**

**Crown him the Lord of heav'n,  
Enthroned in worlds above;  
Crown him the King to whom is giv'n  
The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown him with many crowns  
As thrones before him fall;  
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns  
For he is King of all.**

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**ALTAR FLOWERS** were donated by Wally Wahlberg in memory of his wife's birthday.



Worship attendance: 8:00 AM – 128; 10:30 AM – 132  
Sunday School attendance: Adults – 84; Children – 33  
Tue. *Timeless Truths* Class: 9; Wed. *Sermon* Class: 8;  
Fri. *Death & Beyond* Class: 15  
Senior ushers – 8:00 AM: Chris Paul 10:30 AM: Sam Jacobson  
Organist: Terry Greening

**HOSPITALIZED OR RECUPERATING AT HOME:**

Alexandra Janosek – 3411 W Hayduk Road, Laveen, AZ 85339-2503 (Hm)  
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## **THIS WEEK AT GRACE:**

SUN - **Worship, 8:00 & 10:30 AM**; Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30 AM;  
Voters Meeting, noon  
MON - Choir Practice, 7:00 PM  
TUE - *Timeless Truths* Bible class, 2:00 PM; Ladies Aid Meeting, 7:00 PM  
WED - Public School Confirmation Class, 6:30 PM; NO Bible Class  
THU - Elders Meeting, 3:00 PM; School Board, 6:30 PM  
FRI - *Death & Beyond* Bible Class, 10:00 AM; LES Release, 11:30 AM  
SUN - **COMMUNION Worship, 8:00 & 10:30 AM**; Bible Class & Sunday  
School, 9:30 AM

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. *Forward in Christ* and February 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 February 5<sup>th</sup> will be captained by Alan & Sue Quamme with Scott, Stacey, & Eoghan Hill; Don Jeffery; Debbie Mulleneaux, Everett Quamme; and Jayme Lowder.



**2022 ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP SHEETS...** You may sign up to donate altar bouquets for 2022 in the Altar Flower binder in the narthex. Altar bouquets cost \$35 each. Enclose payment in a pink envelope (make checks payable to Grace Ladies Aid) and drop in the collection plate or give it to the Ladies Aid Treasurer, Rebekah Frear.



**2022 SCRIPTURAL CALENDARS** are available for purchase in the fellowship hall after the first service this morning. Greeting cards can be purchased singly and by the box. The calendars are \$8.00 each.



**CHURCH PICNIC ON FEBRUARY 20, 2022...** Our annual church picnic will be held at Sahuaro Ranch Park from Noon until 3:00 PM. Join us at Ramadas 4, 5, and 6 for food, fellowship, and fun!



**WORK DAY AT GRACE ON MARCH 12, 2022...** Help us maintain the beauty of our campus. We'll be doing general clean-up around campus in preparation for Easter! Join us!

**11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GALA...**The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual ALA Gala is planned for March 26, 2022. This year's event will include relaxed outdoor dining and music as well as both online and live auctions. Go to [ALAcoyotes.org/Gala](http://ALAcoyotes.org/Gala) for more information.



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

**Week ending 1/23/2022:**

**YTD 7/1/2021 through 1/23/2022:**

Weekly Need:	15,000.00	YTD Need:	504,000.00
Weekly Actual:	13,402.50	YTD Actual:	508,138.73
Weekly +/-:	-1,597.50	YTD +/-:	+4,138.73



**BLESSING BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS ...**Grace Ladies, you are cordially invited to attend our Grace Ladies Aid meeting on Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Our hostesses will be Shawna Tech, Brenda Hepper, & Monica Assacker. The Kitchen/Cry Room Committee for February is Karen Stuart & Shawna Tech, and the February Altar Committee is Janet Brussman & Kris Groth. The meeting will consist of a devotion, food, fellowship, and an opportunity to help with our service project – Blessing Bags! This month, we will be making hygiene kits for the homeless. Even if you **can't attend the meeting, you can still donate** items for these kits. Personal size in any of the following: Shampoo, Conditioner, Lip Balm, Sunscreen, Socks, Deodorant, Soap, Toothpaste, Dental Floss. You may bring the items to the church kitchen. Please mark them 'Blessing Bags.'