

***Glory UNCOVERED:
When it is most hidden, it is
most on display***

**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
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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: #389 – How Good, Lord, to Be Here

**How good, Lord, to be here!
Your glory fills the night;
your face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.**

**How good, Lord, to be here
your beauty to behold,
where Moses and Elijah stand,
your messengers of old.**

**Fulfiller of the past,
and hope of things to be,
we hail your body glorified
and our redemption see.**

**Before we taste of death,
we see your kingdom come;
we long to hold the vision bright
and make this hill our home.**

**But you, Lord, do not stay.
With mercy resolute
you leave this glorious hill to die—
our perfect substitute.**

**How good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
but since you bid us leave the mount,
come with us to the plain.**

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Please stand.

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit
Amen.

CONFESSION: *CW21, p. 189*

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY:..... CW21, p.190

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

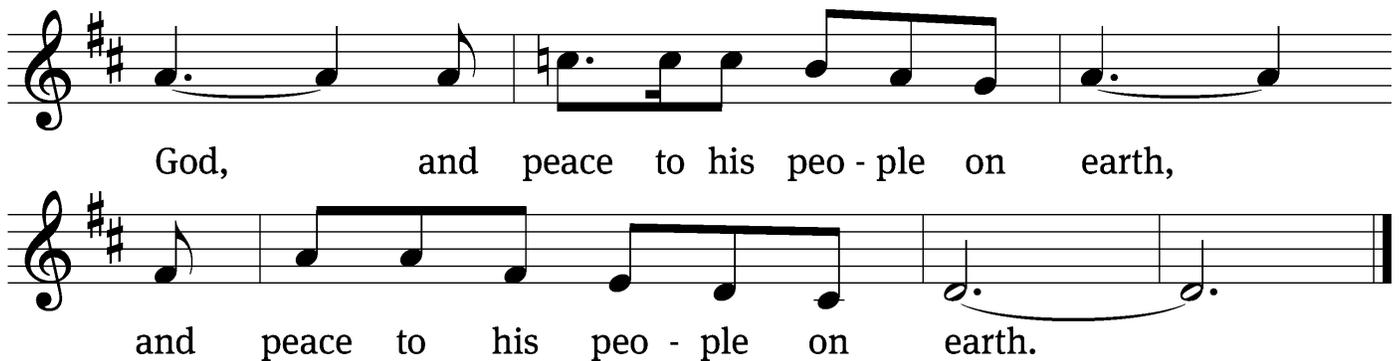
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST:..... CW21, p. 191

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to
 God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,
 and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and
 Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to



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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray. O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Fading glory shows a need for a greater covenant. Exodus 34:29-35 ²⁹When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

ADULT CHOIR: (8:00)..... I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Trumpet, Lara Johnson

GRADES PK-K: (10:30)..... The King of Glory Comes

SECOND READING: What was glorious is nothing compared to what is now glorious. 2 Corinthians 3:7-18 ⁷Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, transitory though it was, ⁸will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? ⁹If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! ¹⁰For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. ¹¹And if what was transitory came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts! ¹²Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. ¹³We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. ¹⁴But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. ¹⁶But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CW21, p. 194

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Tone



Jesus is the light of the world; in him we have the light of life.

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GOSPEL: Jesus' glory needed to be hidden to put it on full display. Luke 9:28-36 ²⁸About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. ³¹They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. ³²Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.) ³⁴While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." ³⁶When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #388 – Down from the Mount of Glory

**Down from the mount of glory came Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Recall the wondrous story, rich gem in sacred Word.
Again your faith will view him in double glory here;
the greater homage due him will in your life appear.**

**Transfigured, Christ, the lowly, stood radiant in the light,
light found in Godhead solely, for human eyes too bright.
Then came a voice from heaven, confirmed what here we see;
the words “my Son” were given to seal his deity.**

**Yet mark this glory hidden! See him the mount descend
and, by the Father bidden, his willing footsteps bend
to seek humiliation in deepest depths of woe,
to suffer degradation no mind can probe or know.**

**Strange how his journey ended! In love that is his fame
our Lord again ascended a mount—the hill of shame.
Upon the cross he proffered himself to agony;
his holy soul he offered to set the guilty free.**

**Then hail the double glory of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
and let the wondrous story full peace and joy afford!
The holy mount acclaims him the majesty divine;
Mount Calvary proclaims him Redeemer—yours and mine.**

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SERMON: Exodus 34:29-35

WHAT DIVINE GLORY DOES...

- 1. _____ repels and condemns.
- 2. _____ attracts and saves.

Please stand.

APOSTLES' CREED: CW21, p. 197

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.

Please be seated.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Eternal God and Father, we pray for the Church around the world. Always keep your people faithful to you. Lift the veil from our eyes and guide us to see Christ in the Word and sacraments. During all the distractions of life, help us set our sights on Jesus. Keep us safe and protect us from the tricks and treachery of the devil. Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

We pray that you move us to have compassion on those stumbling in the darkness and empower us to proclaim Christ to all who have no faith. Give us courage to be unashamed of the light you have given us and to carry it willingly with joy wherever we go and whatever we do. Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

Hear our prayers for Christians everywhere who are being persecuted because of the light they bear. Give them the strength to endure the hardships they are undergoing and give them the peace and hope of Christ as they battle on. Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

We pray that Christ reveals his gracious presence to all who suffer. We pray especially for our families and those in our circle of friends who are sick or in need and for everyone whose needs we hold in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

Be with us, Lord, as we think about the coming days of Lent. Let your law convince us that we indeed deserve your punishment and would be lost forever without Christ. As our hearts fill with sorrow and regret, lift us up to see the Savior's sacrifice on the cross and give us hearts full of faith in him. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Brief intercessory prayers

Lord God, hear the prayers we offer and let your grace and mercy flow to us and all for whom we pray. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Light of the world.

Amen.

OFFERINGS OF LOVE TO OUR LORD

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

SERMON HYMN: #390 – Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

**Jesus, take us to the mountain
where, with Peter, James, and John,
we are dazzled by your glory,
light as blinding as the sun.
There prepare us for the night
by the vision of that sight.**

**What do you want us to see there
that your close companions saw?
Your divinity revealed there
fills us with the selfsame awe.
Clothed in flesh like ours you go,
matched to meet our deadliest foe.**

**What do you want us to hear there
that your dear disciples heard?
Once again the voice from heaven
says of the incarnate Word:
"Listen, listen, ev'ryone;
this is my belovèd Son!"**

**Take us to that other mountain
where we see you glorified,
where you shouted, “It is finished!”
where for all the world you died.
Hear the stunned centurion:
“Truly this was God’s own Son!”**

**We who have beheld your glory,
risen and ascended Lord,
cannot help but tell the story,
all that we have seen and heard,
say with Peter, James, and John:
“You are God’s beloved Son!”**

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Please stand.

PRAYER: CW21, p. 171

Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER:..... CW21, p. 171

**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.**

BLESSING:..... CW21, p. 171

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.
Amen.

Please be seated.

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA:

Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will
be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our

solemn journey to the Savior’s cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, the Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word *alleluia*, which means, “Praise the Lord.”

Now for a time we say farewell to *alleluia*. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The *alleluias* will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of tri-umph, sound of joy that
 2 Al - le - lu - ia we are sing - ing, voic - ing hymns in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while
 4 May our hymns be filled with long - ing—hear us, Ho - ly



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
 pure ac - cord, With Christ’s ho - ly Church u - nit - ed,
 here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions
 Trin - i - ty— As we look to your blest Eas - ter,



ev - er dear to choirs on high; Saints a - dorned in
 jus - ti - fied, re - deemed, re - stored, And with all his
 make us for a while fore - go. For the sol - emn
 here, and then e - ter - nal - ly, When we shall once



robes of glo - ry join the great an - gel - ic cry.
 faith - ful peo - ple raise our songs to praise the Lord.
 time is com - ing when our tears for sin must flow.
 more be sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly!

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Worship attendance: 8:00 AM – 111; 10:30 AM – 163
Communion attendance: 8:00 AM – 110; 10:30 AM – 115
Sunday Sch attendance: Adults: Hall – 73; Room 1 – 19; Room 2 – 8
Children – 32
Tue. *Timely Topics* Class: 14; Wed. *Sermon* Class: 6;
Fri. *Death & Beyond* Class: 14
Ushers – 8:00 AM: Bruce Rademacher 10:30 AM: Jerry Rovey
Organist: Michael Wilde

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
TUE - *10 Lies about God* Bible class, 2:00 PM; Ladies Aid, 7:00 PM
WED - Ash Wednesday **COMMUNION Worship, 4:00 & 7:00 PM;**
Supper, 5:00-6:30 PM; Public School Confirmation Class, 6PM
THU - Elders Meeting, 3:00 PM; School Board Meeting, 6:30 PM
FRI - *Death & Beyond* Bible Class, 10:00 AM
SUN - **COMMUNION Worship, 8 & 10:30 AM;** Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30 AM

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. *Forward in Christ* and March 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 March 5th will be captained by Konrad & Ruth Lincoln with Nicholas Lincoln; Michael & Justine Cherney; Lori Haozous; Christie Hutchinson; and Mike & Christine Natale.

HOSPITALIZED OR RECUPERATING AT HOME:

Alexandra Janosek – 3411 W Hayduk Rd, Laveen, AZ 85339 (Home)
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John Eaton – 19848 N Coyote Lakes Pkwy, Surprise, AZ 85378 (Hm)

2022 WELS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH RALLY is scheduled for June 28th – July 1st at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. The rally is open to youth who are currently in grades 8 - 12. We have funds available to assist any youth that are interested in attending. An informational meeting will be held **TODAY, February 27th at 11:30 AM**. We will provide additional information about the youth rally and associated costs and discuss the next steps for registration. Please plan to attend if you have teens interested in participating in the rally. Questions? Please speak with Chris Kallies.



LADIES AID MEETING will take place in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, March 1st at 7:00 PM. All women of Grace are invited to attend. The hostesses are Kris Groth & Brenda Hepper. The Altar Committee for March is Karen Stuart & Brenda Hepper, and the Kitchen/Cry Room Committee is Ruth Lincoln & Shawna Tech.



GALA GIFT CARDS...Grace Ladies Aid is donating a gift card basket for the Gala auction and is collecting gift cards (restaurant, movie theatre, etc.) to fit the theme “Night on the Town.” Give gift card donations to Shawna Tech by **TODAY**, March 6th.



LADIES AID SERVICE GROUP REORGANIZATION...We encourage the ladies of Grace to sign up to be part of a Ladies Aid service group. Current service group members should also sign up to make sure we have your most updated contact information and so that we know you are still willing to serve. This is a wonderful way to not only serve our Grace congregation but also to serve the Lord. The blue sign-up forms are on the table in the narthex next to the blue box where you will put your form when it's completed.



ABC IN MARCH...The Adult Breakfast & Coffee group will meet on Wednesday, **March 9th at IHOP**, 6601 W Peoria Avenue, at 8:30 AM. On **March 23rd it will meet at Denny's**, 5161 W Thunderbird Road, at 8:30 AM. The morning will consist of a devotion, fellowship, and breakfast (on your own)! Please sign up on the appropriate sheet in the narthex so that adequate seating can be arranged.



ALA GALA DONATIONS...You're invited to attend the Arizona Lutheran Academy Gala on Saturday, March 26, 2022. The 2022 outdoor Gala will include tasty food by Mingo's Louisiana Kitchen, Piacenza Italian, Butter Bakery, and Scooptacular Ice Cream, all outside in the lighted ALA courtyard, plus entertainment, and a silent and live auction to support ALA students by raising funds for campus improvements. Visit **ALAcoyotes.org/gala** to purchase tickets or learn more.



LWMS SPRING RALLY will take place at **Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 14650 W Bell Road** in Surprise on **April 2, 2022**. The registration deadline is March 26th to have Mite Box money included in the Spring Rally disbursement. The Board is recommending Project # WM-2020-15 India Children's Homes and School Projects. Pastor Brock Groth will be presenting information on this ministry. Registration Forms are in the narthex, or you may register and pay online at www.grandcanyonlwms.org.



LWMS NATIONAL CONVENTION IN ROCHESTER, NEW YORK...The LWMS Freedom Circuit invites you to the 59th Annual LWMS Convention, which will take place in Rochester, New York, at the Riverside Convention Center, June 23-26, 2022. The convention theme is "Set Free in Christ." Visit www.lwms.org for more information or to register online. There are also registration forms in the narthex.



CONGREGATIONAL PARTNER GRANT PROGRAM (CPGP)
...Martin Luther College will match contributions from a congregation up to \$1200. Abbey Mueller is currently attending MLC, and we may have 4 Grace Students there in the fall. Visit www.graceglendale.org and click on "Donate Online" at the top of the Home Page. Enter the amount of your donation in the "Memorial Donations" as "MLC/WELS Prep/Seminary Scholarships" section and type CPGP in the box. If you participate by check, please make it payable to "Grace Ev. Lutheran Church" and write "CPGP" on the memo line. The deadline for donations is June 26th.



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

Week ending 2/20/2022: **YTD 7/1/2021 through 2/20/2022:**

Weekly Need:	20,000.00		YTD Need:	572,000.00
Weekly Actual:	16,272.75		YTD Actual:	580,012.73
Weekly +/-:	-3,727.25		YTD +/-:	+8,012.73

“THE CRUCIAL HOURS” is the theme of our 2022 Lenten Season, which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, with COMMUNION services at 4:00 & 7:00 PM.

ASH WEDNESDAY: “Satan Has Asked to Sift All of You”
Midweek 2: “They Bound Him”
Midweek 3: “The Semblance of Legality”
Midweek 4: “What to Remember When You Are Seized with Remorse”
Midweek 5: “A Part for the Whole”
Midweek 6: “I Will Keep the Passover”
Holy Thursday: “The Three Unions in Holy Communion”
Good Friday: “Seven Crucial Last Words”
Easter Sunday: “God’s Easter Declaration about You”