

***Fulfilled works march
VICTORIOUS
over empty words***

**EASTER 4
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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: #551 – Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

**Jesus, shepherd of the sheep,
who your Father's flock does keep,
safe we wake and safe we sleep, guarded still by you.**

**In your promise firm we stand,
none can take us from your hand;
speak—we hear—at your command, we will follow you.**

**By your blood our souls were bought,
by your life salvation wrought;
by your light our feet are taught, Lord, to follow you.**

**Father, draw us to your Son;
we with joy will follow on
till the work of grace is done, there to live with you.**

**We, in robes of glory dressed,
join th'assembly of the blest,
gathered to eternal rest in the fold with you.**

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Please stand.

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

CONFESSION: p. 155

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 we 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

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY: p.156

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.

THIS IS THE FEAST OF VICTORY

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Refrain*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia! *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Jesus' resurrection validated every word

spoken about Jesus. Acts 13:15-16a; 26-39 ¹⁵After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the leaders of the synagogue sent word to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have a word of exhortation for the people, please speak." ¹⁶Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said:...²⁶"Fellow children of Abraham and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent. ²⁷The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath. ²⁸Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. ²⁹When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the cross and laid him in a tomb. ³⁰But God raised him from the dead, ³¹and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people. ³²"We tell you the good news: What God promised our ancestors ³³he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm: "You are my son; today I have become your father." ³⁴God raised him from the dead so that he will never be subject to decay. As God has said, "I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David." ³⁵So it is also stated elsewhere: "You will not let your holy one see decay."

³⁶“Now when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed. ³⁷But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay. ³⁸“Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. ³⁹Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

MEN’S CHORUS: (8:00)..... Shepherd of My Heart
ADULT CHOIR: (10:30)..... Psalm 23

SECOND READING: The Lamb who laid down his life is the Shepherd. Revelation 7:9-17 ⁹After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” ¹¹All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying: “Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!” ¹³Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?” ¹⁴I answered, “Sir, you know.” And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Therefore, “they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶‘Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,’ nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; ‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’ ‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 10:14



Refrain



Tone



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GOSPEL: The works of Jesus have vindicated his words. John 10:22-30 ²²Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon’s Colonnade. ²⁴The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered, “I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father’s name testify about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one.”

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

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #552 – The King of Love My Shepherd Is

**The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness fails me never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow,
my Savior gently leads me,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feeds me.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me
and on his shoulder gently laid
and home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with you, dear Lord, beside me,
your rod and staff my comfort still,
your cross before to guide me.**

**You spread a table in my sight,
a banquet here bestowing;
your oil of welcome, my delight;
my cup is overflowing!**

**And so through all the length of days
your goodness fails me never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
within your house forever!**

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SERMON: Revelation 7:9-17

MY MOTHER'S GLORIOUS CHURCH

1. It has many members
2. It has a glorious message.
3. It has perfect bliss.

Please stand.

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.

Please be seated.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Lord of life, fill our hearts with joy this Easter for you have risen and conquered the grave. Imprint the message of victory on our hearts and implant it in our minds. Through the good news of your resurrection renew our hope and revive our faith. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

By baptizing us into your name, you have connected us to your death and rising. You have put our sin to death and have given us a new life. Enable us each day to think of ourselves as dead to sin and alive to you, so that we may walk in newness of life in all we do.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

In this fallen world, death and sorrow surround us. Touch the hearts of those who grieve the loss of a Christian they love. Direct their eyes to your empty tomb and ease their pain by reminding them that their loved ones will one day rise again. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, many people grieve without hope. Let the message of resurrection reach them and awaken faith in their hearts. Use us as your instruments to bring the word of life to their souls and the message of hope to their hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Stay by the side of all who are suffering. In your wise mercy, heal those who are sick, receiving treatment for illness, recovering from illness or surgery, or hurting in body or mind. Remind them that your victory over death is a fact, and comfort them with your promise to raise them and give them and all believers new, glorified bodies like yours. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Intercessory prayers

Risen Savior, feed our faith with the message of your resurrection.

Come to us in your Word and in the feast of your Sacrament to sustain and strengthen us until we feast with you in eternal glory.

Amen.

OFFERINGS OF LOVE TO OUR LORD

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

HYMN: #213 (CW93) – Forever with the Lord

Forever with the Lord! Amen! So let it be.

Life from the dead is in that word, My immortality.

**While time on earth is spent, Absent from him I roam,
Yet nightly pitch my moving tent A day's march nearer home.**

**My Father's house on high, Home of my soul, how near
At times, to faith's foreseeing eye The golden gates appear!**

**Lord, be at my right hand, Then can I never fail.
If you uphold me, I shall stand; With you I shall prevail.**

**So when my dying breath Shall rend the veil in two,
By death I shall escape from death To endless life with you.**

**I'll know as I am known; How shall I love that word
And oft repeat before the throne, "Forever with the Lord!"**

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Please stand.

PRAYER: p.171
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER:..... 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: p. 171
Amen.

Please be seated.

CLOSING HYMN: #890 – Jerusalem the Golden

**Jerusalem the golden, with milk and honey blest—
the sight of it refreshes the weary and oppressed.
I know not, oh, I know not what joys await us there,
what radiancy of glory, what bliss beyond compare.**

**They stand, those halls of Zion, all jubilant with song
and bright with many an angel and all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever in them, the daylight is serene;
the pastures of the blessed are ever rich and green.**

**There is the throne of David, and there, from care released,
he shout of them that triumph, the song of them that feast.
And they who with their leader have conquered in the fight
forever and forever are clad in robes of white.**

**O sweet and blessed country, the home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country that eager hearts expect!
In mercy, Jesus, bring us to that dear land of rest;
you are with God the Father and Spirit ever blest.**

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NATHAN SAVAGE GRADUATES from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary on May 27th and receives his first Divine Call. If you have a card or congratulatory note to send to Nathan, please give it to Pastor or Bonnie Clark, and they will make sure Nathan receives it. This is a wonderful way to show our love and support for one of our own!

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TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS were donated by John Eaton in memory of his wife; by Matt & Jada Wightman in memory of her mother, Jolene Wilson; and by Veneva Lincoln in honor of mothers.

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Worship attendance: 8:00 AM – 148; 10:30 AM – 139
Communion attendance: 8:00 AM – 132; 10:30 AM – 97
Sunday School attendance: Adults – Hall: 78; Room 1: 17; Children: 24
Tue. *10 Lies about God* Class: no class; Fri. *Christ Is Risen* Class: 11
Senior ushers – 8:00 AM: Jon Floerke 10:30 AM: John Sullivan
Pianist: Stacey Hill

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. *Forward in Christ* and May 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 May 14th will be captained by Steve & Patty Bischoff with Karen Barber; Keith Feldt; Louie Huber; Howard & Sandy Jaeger; John & Maggie Stevenson; and Karen Stuart.

HOSPITALIZED OR RECUPERATING AT HOME:

Adrienne Siffring – (Fairmont Village)

Kevin Roever – (Home)

THIS WEEK AT GRACE:

SUN - **Worship, 8 & 10:30 AM;** Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30

MON - Choir Practice, 7:00 PM

TUE - *10 Lies about God* Bible class, 2 PM; All Meeting Night, 7 PM

THU - Council Reports and Newsletter Articles due

FRI - *Christ Is Risen* Bible Class, 10:00 AM; Family Night, 6:30 PM

SAT - Work Day @ Grace, 7:00 AM

SUN - **COMMUNION Worship, 8 & 10:30 AM;** Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30 AM



BOTTLES FOR LIFE...We will be hosting a Bottles for Life fundraiser to support our local Chapter of Christian Life Resources. Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center (APRC) has provided baby bottles that you may fill with cash, coins, or a check (**made payable to Alpha**). Baby bottles will be available in the Fellowship Hall starting TODAY, Mother's Day, and will be available until Father's Day, June 19th. Please pick up a bottle and return it on or before Father's Day.



CONGREGATIONAL PARTNER GRANT PROGRAM (CPGP)...

Martin Luther College will match contributions from a congregation up to \$1200 per student. Abbey Mueller is currently attending MLC, and Joshua Kallies will start in the fall (possibly along with at least one other student). 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.



GRACE WORK DAY...A workday has been scheduled for Saturday, May 14th. Set aside the day to help at Grace starting at 7:00 AM.

GRACE SPRING PLAY... Come to a performance in the fellowship hall as the 5th through 8th graders present **Comic Book Artist** by Pat Lydersen. The 1st performance will take place at **7:00 PM on Friday, May 20th** and the 2nd performance is **Saturday, May 21st at 1:00 PM**. There'll be plenty of laughs as you watch superheroes Star Guy, Triple Time, Blossom, and Wombat Woman battle supervillains Dr. Shock Clock and the Minutos in an attempt to foil the doctor's heist in Time Square! Find out if the greatest superhero of them all can defeat the diabolical villains! Admission is a free will offering, and there will be concessions available for purchase.



CHURCH CAMPOUT will be held from **August 5–7** at **Canyon Point Campground on the Mogollon Rim**. Watch for more details! If you have questions, see Chris Kallies.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES... Martin Luther College is accepting applications for ECLC Assistant Teacher, Receptionist, Custodian, Resource Development Manager, Baseball Assistant Coach, Volleyball Assistant Coach, and Men's Basketball Assistant. Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.



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

Week ending 5/1/2022: **YTD 7/1/2021 through 5/1/2022:**

Weekly Need:	18,000.00	YTD Need:	747,000.00
Weekly Actual:	17,318.70	YTD Actual:	762,329.90
Weekly +/-:	-681.30	YTD +/-:	+15,329.90



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL at Grace will take place from Monday, June 6th through Friday June 10th, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Our VBS Worship Service is June 12th in the 10:30 AM service. At *God's Wonder Lab* you will discover that Jesus does the impossible for us! Please register online to either attend as a student or help as a volunteer. You may visit our website www.graceglendale.org and click on the VBS box under "Things to Note". Students need to be at least 3 years old by September 1, 2022 (*and potty-trained*) through students entering 6th grade this coming fall. Any students older than that may volunteer as Junior Helpers. **We will need one or two photographers (8th grade or older and must have their own camera).** Anyone interested in being a photographer should contact Alice Thiesfeldt at 623-937-2010, ext. 301 or secretary@graceglendale.org. You may direct any other VBS questions to Justine Cherney.

