

**Joy marches
VICTORIOUS over
circumstance**



EASTER 6
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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: #566 – Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us

**Father, God of grace, you knew us,
chose us, named us as your own,
through eternal ages planning
to redeem us in your Son.
Praise the Father, God who loved us
ere creation was begun!**

**Counselor, you bring as promised
from the Father and the Son
righteousness fulfilled, accomplished,
free forgiveness, heaven won.
Praise the Spirit! He assures us
our salvation's work is done!**

**Lord, your changeless Word has fed us,
spanning time, transcending space.
Water, bread, and wine sustained us
when the darkness hid your face.
Keep us with you, faithful Shepherd,
by your saving means of grace!**

**Forward lead us; Christ, we follow,
drawn by Word and promise true:
“To all nations preach the gospel;
I am evermore with you.”
Keep us faithful! Then, Lord Jesus,
quickly come; make all things new!**

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Please stand

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

CONFESSION:

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: 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.

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!

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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray.

O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; 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: Paul preached with joy despite negative

circumstances. Acts 14:8-22 ⁸In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. ⁹He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed ¹⁰and called out, “Stand up on your feet!” At that, the man jumped up and began to walk. ¹¹When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in human form!” ¹²Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. ¹³The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them. ¹⁴But when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: ¹⁵“Friends, why are you doing

this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them. ¹⁶In the past, he let all nations go their own way. ¹⁷Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.” ¹⁸Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them. ¹⁹Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead. ²⁰But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe. ²¹They preached the gospel in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, ²²strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. “We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God,” they said.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

GRACE NOTES: (8:00) Be Still
ADULT CHOIR: (10:30)..... Only Jesus

SECOND READING: Whatever our present circumstance we have joy in our heavenly home. Revelation 21:21-27 ²¹The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass. ²²I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. ²⁵On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. ²⁶The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. ²⁷Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: p.194



Refrain

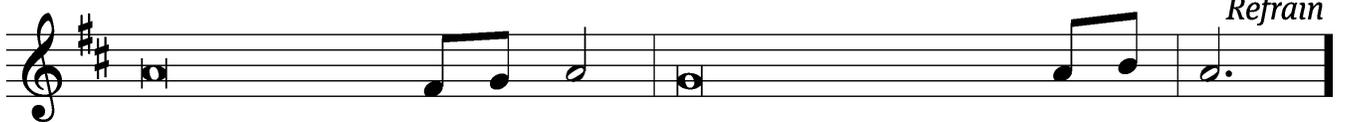


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



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

Tone



Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morn - ing.

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GOSPEL: Jesus promises that any grief we have now will be turned to joy. John 16:16-24 ¹⁶Jesus went on to say, “In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.” ¹⁷At this, some of his disciples said to one another, “What does he mean by saying, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,’ and ‘Because I am going to the Father’?” ¹⁸They kept asking, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand what he is saying.” ¹⁹Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, “Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me’?” ²⁰Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. ²¹A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she

forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. ²²So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. ²³In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ²⁴Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

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

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY: #713 – I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

**I want to walk as a child of the light;
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world;
The star of my life is Jesus.**

**Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all;
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God;
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path
And show me the way to the Father.**

Refrain

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ;
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus.**

Refrain

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SERMON: Revelation 21:21-27

**BE REASSURED BY THE PERFECT HOME
OF THE VICTORIOUS CHRIST**

1. It is a home _____.
2. It is a home _____.

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:

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Intercessory prayers

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

OFFERINGS OF LOVE TO OUR LORD

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

SERMON HYMN: #557 – Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

**Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, with exultation springing,
and, with united heart and voice and holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God has done,
how his right arm the vict'ry won.
How dearly it has cost him!**

**To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me, I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I myself will be; for you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, your friend divine,
and evermore you shall be mine;
The foe shall not divide us.**

**“The foe will shed my precious blood, me of my life bereaving;
all this I suffer for your good; be steadfast and believing.
Life will from death the vict’ry win;
my innocence shall bear your sin,
And you are blest forever.**

**“Now to my Father I depart, the Holy Spirit sending
and, heav’nly wisdom to impart, my help to you extending.
He will a source of comfort be,
teach you to know and follow me,
And in all truth will guide you.**

**“What I on earth have lived and taught
be all your life and teaching;
So shall my kingdom’s work be wrought
and honored in your preaching.
Take care that no one’s man-made laws
should e’er destroy the gospel’s cause;
This final word I leave you.”**

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PRAYER

THE 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.

BLESSING:

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: #930 – Go, My Children, with My Blessing

HOSPITALIZED OR RECUPERATING AT HOME:

Adrienne Siffring
Eileen Sullivan

THIS WEEK AT GRACE:

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

MON - Choir Party

WED - LES Early Release, 11:30 AM; LES Graduation Service, 6:30 PM

FRI - ALA Graduation, 1:00 PM

SUN - **Worship, 8:00 & 10:30 AM**; Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30 AM

MON - Memorial Day – Offices closed

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 28th will be captained by Terry Greening with Ethan Baker, Brian & Sara Cortez, Katie Greening, and Kevin Thompson.



DIVINE CALL TO REDEEMER, TUCSON...On May 1st Pastor Clark received a call to serve as associate pastor to our sister church, Redeemer Lutheran Church & School in Marana near Tucson. You can direct any questions or comments about this call to him. Please pray for him as he deliberates where he can best serve the Lord.



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!



 **FACEBOOK...**Like us on Facebook: Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Glendale, AZ

MEMORIAL GARDEN & COLUMBARIUM DEDICATION...The Memorial Garden and Columbarium will be dedicated on Sunday, June 5th between the 8:00 service and Bible class. There will be a short ceremony in the Memorial Garden to dedicate it and the Columbarium to our Lord and his people.



GOOD SHEPHERD BIBLE CAMP is July 10-16. This camp is for those entering 4th through 10th grades. Older students and adults may serve as camp leaders. GSBC is located in Southern California. Visit www.goodshepherdbiblecamp.com for information. You may also pick up a flier in the narthex. If you need or can offer a ride for campers, that information can be shared through Alice Thiesfeldt in our school office.



BOTTLES FOR LIFE is how we support our local Chapter of Christian Life Resources. Alpha Pregnancy Center 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 on 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). 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. **As of 5/15/22 the total collected is \$1,402.83.** The deadline for donations is June 26th, so there is still time to donate to this worthy cause.



LADIES AID 2022 HANDBOOKS are available in the narthex. All Ladies Aid members are invited to take a copy. More handbooks will be printed if we run out, so if you don't get one this week, check again next week.

ALA COMMENCEMENT CONCERT...The annual ALA Commencement Concert will take place on **Thursday, May 26**, at 7:00 PM in the ALA gymnasium. The musical selections will span the decades from the 70's and beyond with performances by ALA's Concert Choir, A Cappella Choir, Freshman Choir, and Concert Band. There will also be some individual performances, and, of course, the alumni finale. During the concert we will also be bidding farewell to our art teacher, Mrs. Stephnie Marquez. No tickets are needed, and everyone is invited to this free concert!



ALA GRADUATION 2022...On **Friday, May 27**, we will graduate 44 students from the class of 2022. The service will begin at 1:00 PM with the graduation ceremony immediately following. We will not be limiting seats or requiring tickets. Pastor Jason Schmidt from Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Tucson will deliver the message, and seniors Olaf Dahl and Elise Bayer will be the class speakers.



ALA COYOTE SUMMER CAMPS...During the month of June, Arizona Lutheran Academy will offer a variety of camps for children entering grades 4-8. Camps include volleyball, baseball, softball, basketball, and Lego. Visit alacoyotes.org/summer-camps-2022 for more information and to register.



COOKIE DONATIONS...More cookies are needed for Sunday morning Fellowship Time. Please bring any donations to the kitchen and mark them 'Fellowship Time'.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES...Martin Luther College is accepting applications for various positions. Apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.



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.

CHURCH CAMPOUT...Mark your calendars now for a church campout which will be held from **August 5th - 7th** at **Canyon Point Campground on the Mogollon Rim**. You will be treated to good food, good fellowship, and cool(er) weather. Watch for more details in early summer! If you have questions, see Chris Kallies.



OLD HYMNALS AVAILABLE FOR FREE...Please visit the table at the back of the church. Take as many copies as you would like, either for your own personal use or to give to family and friends. They will be available on that table through the last Sunday in May.



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. A phone app is also available for donations: install Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement. Search organizations for Grace Ev Lutheran Church. *Please use 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 5/15/2022:		YTD 7/1/2021 through 5/15/2022:	
Weekly Need:	16,000.00	YTD Need:	779,000.00
Weekly Actual:	13,547.05	YTD Actual:	794,996.45
Weekly +/-:	-2,452.95	YTD +/-:	+15,996.45