

# ***FOCUSED Living Properly Values Earthly Wealth***



**PENTECOST 8**  
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### **WELCOME...**

- *May the Word of God bring you comfort in Christ alone.*
- *Check our website at [www.graceglendale.org](http://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: #748 – Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly**

**Brothers, sisters, let us gladly give to God our all, our best:  
Service hearty, thorough, honest, with a living love impressed.  
All our duty, all our striving, all our time to him belong;  
Praise him, then, with true devotion,  
come before him with a song.**

**By his mercy, by his bounty, by the gift of Christ, his Son,  
What great goodness he has shown us,  
What high marvels he has done! Let us to him promptly, freely,  
Yield our bodies and our souls,  
Thankful that his love protects us, that his wisdom all controls.**

**Gracious Lord, accept our service  
For the sake of Christ, your Son; lo, our hope abides now only  
in the righteousness he won.  
Bless and save us, help and guide us,  
Watch to comfort and restore,  
Till in heav'n we rest rejoicing, praising you forevermore.**

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*Please stand.*

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

## **CONFESSION:**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not  
in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us  
our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned  
against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved  
you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I  
deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my  
Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death.  
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*(Silence for meditation and reflection)*

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:**

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 BE TO GOD ON HIGH:



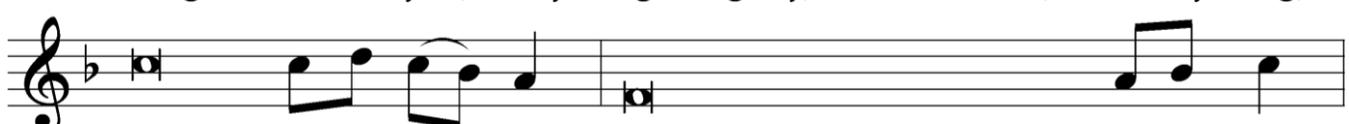
Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



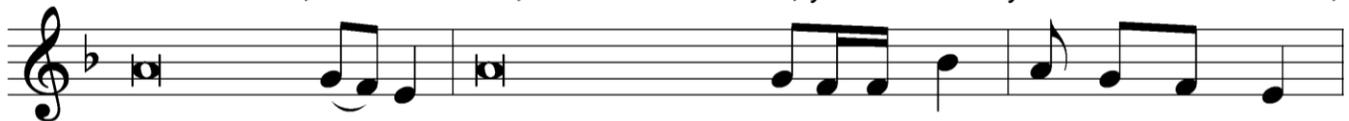
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



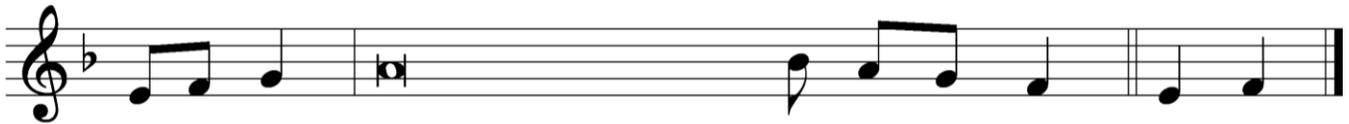
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures you have stored up for us in heaven that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of your grace; 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: Experience teaches the temporary nature of earthly wealth. Ecclesiastes 1:1-2, 12–14; 2:18-26** <sup>1</sup>The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem: <sup>2</sup>“Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. “Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.” ...<sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens. What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind! <sup>14</sup>I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind....<sup>2:18</sup>I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. <sup>19</sup>And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. <sup>20</sup>So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. <sup>21</sup>For a person may labor with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. <sup>22</sup>What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? <sup>23</sup>All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is

meaningless. <sup>24</sup>A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup>for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? <sup>26</sup>To the person who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 90C:**.....*Psalter*, p. 461 (stanzas 1-2, 7-8)

- 1. We live, O Lord, within your grace,  
for you have been our dwelling place;  
before the mountains came to be,  
you are true God eternally.**
  
- 2. A thousand years within your sight  
pass like a watch within the night,  
like yesterday when it is through,  
the briefest blink in all you view.**
  
- 7. Lord, let your work to us be shown,  
your glory by our children known.  
Your favor rest on us each day;  
establish all our work, we pray.**
  
- 8. O Father, Son, and Spirit, be  
our dwelling place eternally,  
and when the mountains are no more,  
your name we ever will adore!**

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**SECOND READING: Our resurrection with Christ in Baptism fills the void earthly possession never can. Colossians 3:1–11** <sup>1</sup>Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup>For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. <sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. <sup>8</sup>But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

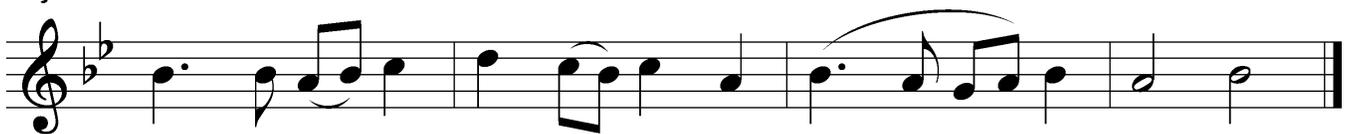
The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**..... Setting 1, Matthew 6:20-21

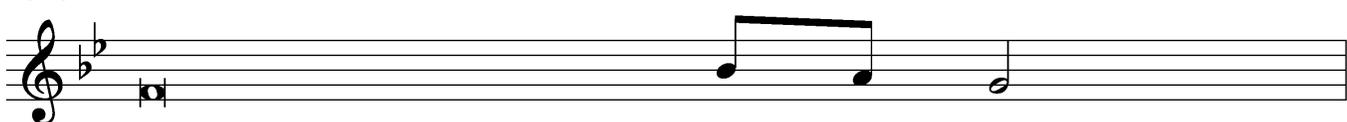


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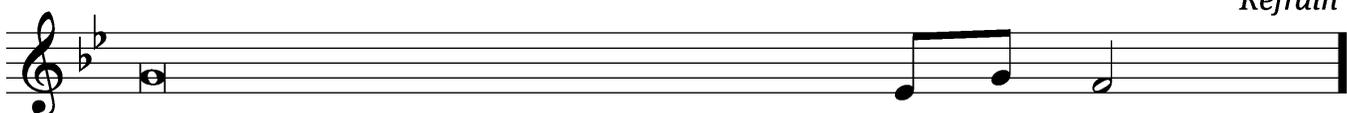
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*Tone*



Store up for yourselves treasures in heav - en,

*Refrain*



for where your treasure is, there your heart will be al - so.

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**GOSPEL: Think of your earthly wealth with an eternal perspective.**

Luke 12:13–21 <sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” <sup>15</sup>Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” <sup>16</sup>And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup>He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ <sup>18</sup>“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup>And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’ <sup>20</sup>“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ <sup>21</sup>“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated.*

**HYMN: #820 – O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:**

**Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op’ning day.**

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home!**

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**SERMON:** .....Luke 12:13–21

**YOU HAVE A MONEY PROBLEM IF...**

1. ...you prioritize your earthly wealth over your eternal inheritance.
2. ...you don't thank God for your possessions and you don't think of others.

*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:**

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

**Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments, faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

**Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

**Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

**Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity.

Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

**Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray our private petitions.

*Silent prayer*

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

**Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

**Amen.**

OFFERINGS OF LOVE TO OUR LORD

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

**SERMON HYMN: #749 – God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending**

**God, whose giving knows no ending,**

**from your rich and endless store:**

**nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,**

**costly cross, grave's shattered door—**

**Gifted by you, we turn to you, off'ring up ourselves in praise;**

**Thankful songs shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.**

**Skills and time are ours for pressing  
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
All at peace in health and freedom,  
races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;  
Born with talents, make us servants  
Fit to answer at your throne.**

**Treasure, too, you have entrusted,  
gain through pow'rs your grace conferred:  
Ours to use for home and kindred,  
and to spread the gospel word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing,  
as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.**

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*Please stand.*

#### **PRAYER & 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.**

*Please be seated.*

#### **CLOSING HYMN: #929 – May the Peace of God**

**May the peace of God our heav'nly Father,  
and the grace of Christ the risen Son,  
and the fellowship of God the Spirit  
keep our hearts and minds within his love.**



**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. *Forward in Christ* and August 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 August 6<sup>th</sup> is captained by Jan Musser with Tom & Candi Allen; Kristi Dahl; Mike & Annalise Vallee; and Matt & Jada Wightman.



**SUPER SATURDAY...**You may register for the next set of Super Saturday classes online at [www.graceglendale.org](http://www.graceglendale.org) or fill out a sheet and put it in the box in the narthex.



**ABC...**The Grace ABC group will meet for breakfast at 8:30 AM on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at Village Inn, 9490 West Northern Avenue in Glendale. Contact Pat Walker for information.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS WANTED!!!** We need **K-2<sup>nd</sup>** and **7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>** grade teachers. Please speak with Pastor Jacobson for more information. We are also looking for someone with piano experience to lead song time from 9:25-9:45 for our PK-2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday School students. Contact Monica Assaker at [massaker@graceglendale.org](mailto:massaker@graceglendale.org).



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**FINANCIAL UPDATE:** Need amounts are based on a goal of **\$947,506.62** by **6/30/2023**.

<b>Week ending 7/17/2022:</b>		<b>YTD 7/1/2022 through 7/17/2022:</b>	
Corrected Actual:	\$13,305.63	Corrected YTD Actual:	\$39,558.12

<b>Week ending 7/24/2022:</b>		<b>YTD 7/1/2022 through 7/24/2022:</b>	
Actual:	\$14,986.25	Corrected YTD Actual:	\$54,544.37