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**OPENING HYMN: #811 – My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

**My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine.**

**Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day be wholly thine!**

**May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart;  
my zeal inspire!**

**As thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!**

**While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread,  
be thou my guide.**

**Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,  
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.**

**When ends life's transient dream,  
when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll,  
blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!**

*Please stand.*

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

**CONFESSION:** ..... p. 188

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:** ..... 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:

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of ten staves of music. The lyrics are: "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  
 God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,  
 and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and willing to give far more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of 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: The Lord focuses Abraham on heavenly treasure, his promise.** Genesis 15:1-6 <sup>1</sup>After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.” <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>6</sup>Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

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

**PSALM 121D:**..... *Psalter, p. 662*  
*Refrain*

Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.



Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

*Tone*



I lift up my eyes to the / mountains—  
where does my help / come from?  
My help comes / from the LORD,  
the maker of heav-/ en and earth.  
He will not let your / foot slip—  
he who watches over you will not / slumber;  
indeed, he who watches over / Israel  
will neither slum-/ ber nor sleep.

*Refrain*

The LORD watches / over you—  
the LORD is your shade at / your right hand;  
the sun will not harm / you by day,  
nor the / moon by night.  
The LORD will keep you / from all harm—  
he will watch o-/ ver your life;  
the LORD will watch over your coming and / going  
both now and for-/ evermore.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be-/ ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.**

*Refrain*

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**SECOND READING: Abraham’s focus on heavenly treasure led to great blessings. Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16** <sup>1</sup>Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. <sup>2</sup>This is what the ancients were commended for. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible...<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. <sup>12</sup>And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. <sup>13</sup>All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. <sup>14</sup>People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

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

*Please stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**..... *Setting 3, Luke 12:32*



*Refrain*



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

*Tone*

Do not be afraid, lit - tle flock,

*Refrain*

for your Father has been pleased to give you the king - dom.

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**GOSPEL: A focus on spiritual treasures overcomes a focus on material treasures. Luke 12:22-34.** <sup>22</sup>Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! <sup>25</sup>Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? <sup>26</sup>Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest? <sup>27</sup>“Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. <sup>30</sup>For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. <sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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

*Please be seated.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #800 – How Firm a Foundation**

**How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**“When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,  
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.**

**“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace all-sufficient shall be your supply;  
the flames will not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.**

**“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not, desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake!”**

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**SERMON: ..... Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

***TRUST BRINGS NEEDED FOCUS***

1. To make certain \_\_\_\_\_.
2. To strengthen \_\_\_\_\_.

*Please stand.*

**NICENE CREED:**..... p. 196

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**OFFERINGS OF LOVE TO OUR LORD**

*Please fill out the "Welcome to Grace" register in your pew at this time!  
Remember to mark if you are communing.*

**PREFACE:**..... p. 199

*Please stand.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY:** ..... p. 200



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,  
heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: ..... p. 201**

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER: ..... p. 201**

**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.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**Amen.**

**LAMB OF GOD:**..... p. 202

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us, grant us peace.

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*Please be seated.*

In **Holy Communion** we receive the assurance of forgiveness through the body and blood of our Savior. By sharing in this Sacrament, we also express our complete agreement with one another according to the teachings of the Bible. If you have not joined our fellowship (**Wisconsin Synod**), please permit us to tell you about our Lutheran Christian faith before you partake of this Holy Supper so that you can judge for yourself whether there is complete agreement between us.

*For **COMMUNION**, please come at the direction of the ushers.  
Please receive the wafer in the palm of your hand.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: #868 – By Faith**

**By faith we see the hand of God  
in the light of creation's grand design,  
in the lives of those who prove his faithfulness,  
who walk by faith and not by sight.**

**By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
with the pow'r of his promise in their hearts,  
of a holy city built by God's own hand,  
a place where peace and justice reign.**

**Refrain: We will stand as children of the promise;  
we will fix our eyes on him, our soul's reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done,  
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.**

**By faith the prophets saw a day  
when the longed-for Messiah would appear  
with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death  
and rise triumphant from the grave.**

**By faith the church was called to go  
in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost  
to deliver captives and to preach good news  
in ev'ry corner of the earth.**

**Refrain: We will stand as children of the promise;  
we will fix our eyes on him, our soul's reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done,  
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.**

**By faith this mountain shall be moved  
and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,  
for we know in Christ all things are possible  
for all who call upon his name.**

**Refrain: We will stand as children of the promise;  
we will fix our eyes on him, our soul's reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done,  
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.**

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*Please stand.*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness  
you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through  
him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also  
pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by  
your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**BLESSING:**..... p. 203

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**CLOSING HYMN: #835 – Precious Lord, Take My Hand**

**Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.**

**Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand, precious Lord; Lead me home.**

**When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand, precious Lord; Lead me home.**

**When the darkness appears And the night draws near  
And the day is almost gone,  
At the river I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,  
Take my hand, precious Lord; Lead me home.**

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**ALTAR FLOWERS** were donated by Susan Warren in memory of her husband, Ralph, who was called home to heaven ten years ago.



Worship attendance: 8:00 AM – 138; 10:30 AM – 135  
Sunday School attendance: Adults – 91; Children – 22  
Senior ushers – 8:00 AM: Jon Floerke & Eli Jacobson  
10:30 AM: Jon Floerke & Dean Rovey  
Organist: Terry Greening

**THIS WEEK AT GRACE:**

SUN - **COMMUNION** Worship, 8:00 & 10:30 AM; Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30 AM  
MON - Choir Practice, 7:00 PM  
TUE - All Meeting Night, 7:00 PM  
WED - LES Orientation, 6:30 PM  
THU - Council Reports & Newsletter Articles due  
SUN - **Worship, 8:00 & 10:30 AM;** Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30 AM; Voters Meeting, noon

**HOSPITALIZED OR RECUPERATING AT HOME:**

Aaron Nielsen  
Ray & Shirley McDonough  
Ed Junas

**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 13<sup>th</sup> will be captained by Konrad & Ruth Lincoln with Michael & Justine Cherney; Christie Hutchinson; Nicholas Lincoln; and Mike & Christine Natale.



**ADULT CHOIR** will begin practice again TOMORROW, Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the church. All are welcome to lend their voices to sing God's praises and beautify our worship services. You do not need to be a trained musician as all levels and abilities are welcomed and encouraged. This is a unique way to serve the Lord.



**SUPER SATURDAY SIGN-UP...**Please use the green sheet in the narthex to sign up for the Fall/Winter session of Super Saturday and give it to one of the pastors or return it to the box in the narthex, or you may register online at [www.graceglendale.org](http://www.graceglendale.org) by clicking Super Saturday in the Bible Studies section on the Home page. The classes will be held on September 17; October 22; November 19; & December 10 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is provided by the Ladies Aid. Childcare is available by request. This is a wonderful way to refresh your knowledge of Bible doctrines as well as your faith.



**IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS...**Ever wonder what it would be like to take your Bible Study on the road and actually see the places described? From April 12-24, Pastor Clark will be leading a group to the Holy Land. It's educational. It's spiritual. It's fun. If you are interested in finding out more information, please attend the August 28<sup>th</sup> meeting at noon in the Fellowship Hall.



**PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION...**Grace Preschool is accepting registration for the 2022-2023 school year. If you want to schedule a tour, or if you have questions, contact Shawna Tech at 623-937-2010 ext. 319 or [stech@graceglendale.org](mailto:stech@graceglendale.org).

**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).



**JOB OPPORTUNITY...** Martin Luther College is accepting applications for a regular part-time **Administrative Assistant for Academic Deans** and a part-time **Human Resources Assistant**. Interested individuals should apply online at [mlc-wels.edu/hr/](http://mlc-wels.edu/hr/).



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**VOTERS MEETING...** Sunday, **August 14<sup>th</sup> at noon**. A light lunch will be served immediately following the late service for those attending the meeting. All Grace Members are welcome and encouraged to attend. We will consider the motion listed below which will be brought to a vote during the Voters portion of the meeting. While voting is limited to male members aged 18 years and over, **ALL** Grace members are invited and encouraged to attend the meeting.

**MOTION from Budget Committee:** Recommend to Voters that we fund the lighting upgrade and restoration of the 1927 church floor (total cost of approximately \$117,000) first from special donations. Any remaining amount would be funded from various funds and memorials at the Budget Committee's discretion once the final amount is established.