

**HARD TRUTH:
The first will be last,
the last will be first**

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WELCOME...

- *May the Word of God bring you comfort in Christ alone.*
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OPENING HYMN: #621 – Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing;
Alleluia, alleluia! praise the everlasting King!**

**Praise him for his grace and favor
to his people in distress.
Praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless,
Alleluia, alleluia! glorious in his faithfulness!**

**Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes;
Alleluia, alleluia! widely yet his mercy flows!**

**Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him;
all who dwell in time and space,
Alleluia, alleluia! praise with us the God of grace!**

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Please stand.

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

CONFESSION p. 154

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.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.

GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH..... p. 157



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,



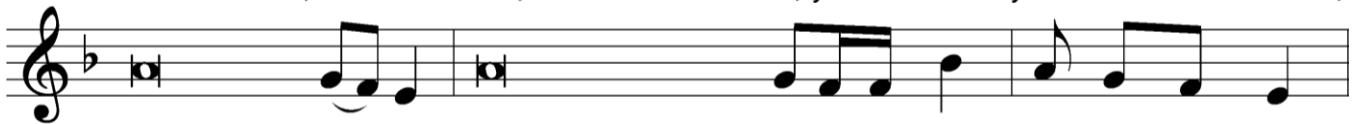
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



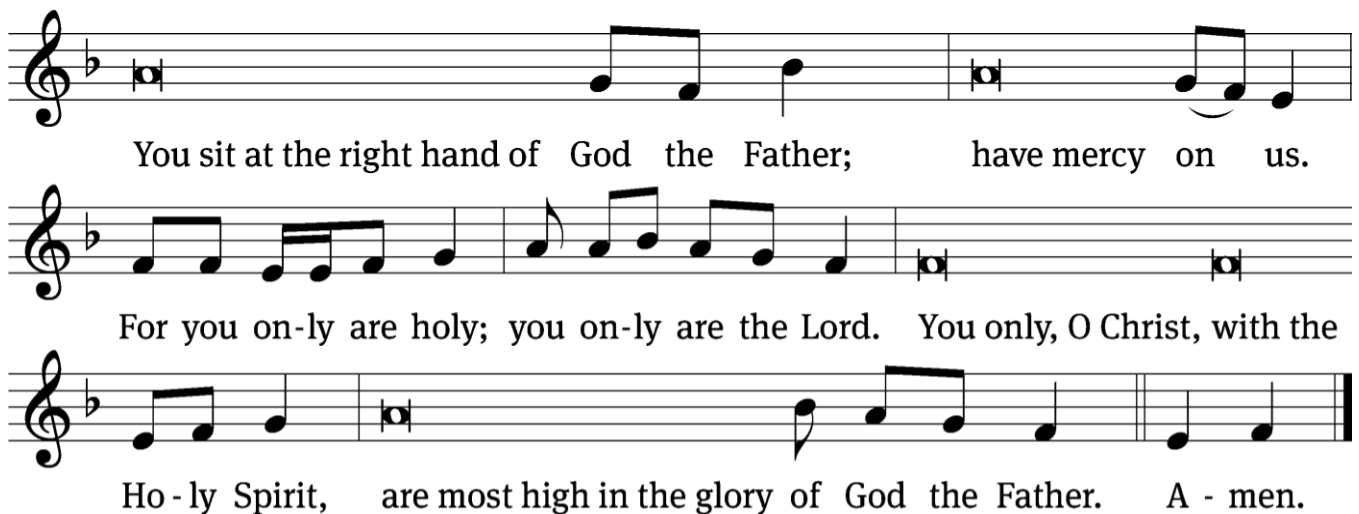
God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



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.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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: The believing Gentiles are ahead of the rebel

Jews. Isaiah 66:18–24 ¹⁸“And I, because of what they have planned and done, am about to come and gather the people of all nations and languages, and they will come and see my glory. ¹⁹“I will set a sign among them, and I will send some of those who survive to the nations—to Tarshish, to the Libyans and Lydians (famous as archers), to Tubal and Greece, and to the distant islands that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory among the nations. ²⁰And they will bring all your people, from all the nations, to my holy mountain in Jerusalem as an offering to the LORD—on horses, in chariots and wagons, and on mules and camels,” says the LORD. “They will bring them, as the Israelites bring their grain offerings, to the temple of the LORD in ceremonially clean vessels. ²¹And I will select some of them also to be priests and

Levites,” says the LORD. ²²“As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me,” declares the LORD, “so will your name and descendants endure. ²³From one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another, all mankind will come and bow down before me,” says the LORD. ²⁴“And they will go out and look on the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; the worms that eat them will not die, the fire that burns them will not be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind.”

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103A:..... *Psalter, p. 540*

Refrain

The LORD is kind and mer - ci - ful,
 slow to an - ger, and rich in com - pas - sion.

Tone

Praise the LORD, / my soul;
 all my inmost being, praise his / holy name—
 Who forgives / all your sins
 and heals all your dis- / eases,
 Who redeems your life / from the pit
 and crowns you with love and com- / passion,
 Who satisfies your desires / with good things
 so that your youth is renewed like the / eagle's. *Refrain*
 The LORD is compassionate and / gracious,
 slow to anger, abound- / ing in love.

He does not treat us as our / sins deserve
or repay us according to our in- / iquities.

For as high as the heavens are a- / bove the earth,
so great is his love for those who / fear him;
As far as the east is / from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions / from us.

**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: The gospel of Mt. Zion is better than the law of Mt. Sinai. Hebrews 12:18–24 ¹⁸You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; ¹⁹to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, ²⁰because they could not bear what was commanded: “If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death.” ²¹The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, “I am trembling with fear.” ²²But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, ²³to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:.....Luke 13:29

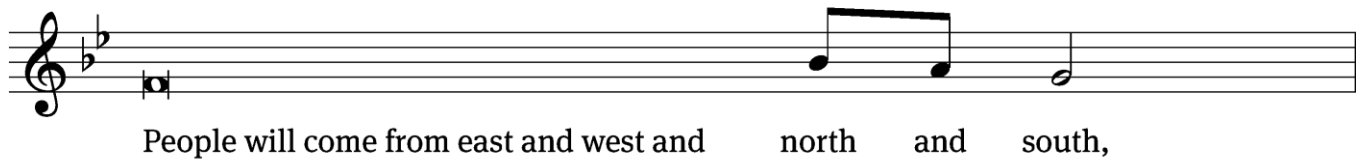


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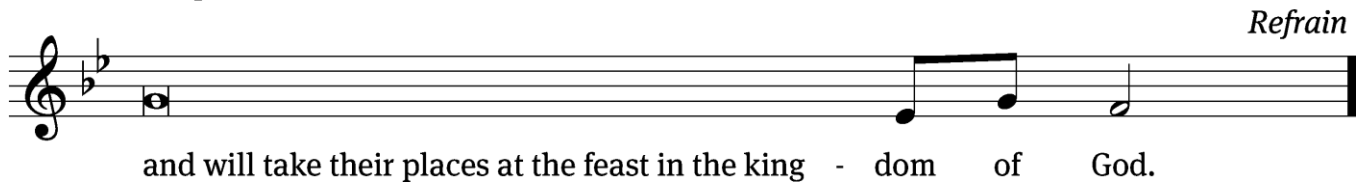


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



People will come from east and west and north and south,



and will take their places at the feast in the king - dom of God.

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GOSPEL: The narrow door is the only way and open for all. Luke

13:22–30 ²²Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. ²³Someone asked him, “Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?” He said to them, ²⁴“Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. ²⁵Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, ‘Sir, open the door for us.’ “But he will answer, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’ ²⁶“Then you will say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’ ²⁷“But he will reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!’ ²⁸“There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. ²⁹People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. ³⁰Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last.”

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

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #698 – Seek Where You May to Find a Way

**Seek where you may to find a way
that leads to your salvation.
My heart is stilled, on Christ I build,
he is the one foundation.
His Word is sure, his works endure;
he overthrows all evil foes;
through him I more than conquer.**

**Seek whom you may to be your stay,
none can redeem another.
All helpers failed; this man prevailed,
the God-man, Christ our brother.
This Servant-Lord our life restored;
we're justified, for he has died,
the guiltless for the guilty.**

**Seek him alone who did atone,
who did your souls deliver.
O seek him first, all you who thirst
for grace that fails you never.
In ev'ry need seek him indeed;
to ev'ry heart he will impart
his blessings without measure.**

**My heart's delight, my crown most bright,
O Christ, you are forever.
Not wealth or pride or fortune's tide
our bond of love shall sever.
You are my Lord; your precious Word
shall light my way each daunting day.
O teach me, Lord, to trust you!**

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SERMON:Luke 13:22–30

JESUS' ANSWER TO THE "SAVED" QUESTION

1. Jesus makes the question personal.
2. Jesus says there will be surprises.

Please stand.

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.

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.

Intercessory prayers.

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!
Please remember to mark if you are communing!*

PREFACE:..... p. 165

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. 167



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en-ly hosts:

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: p. 168

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

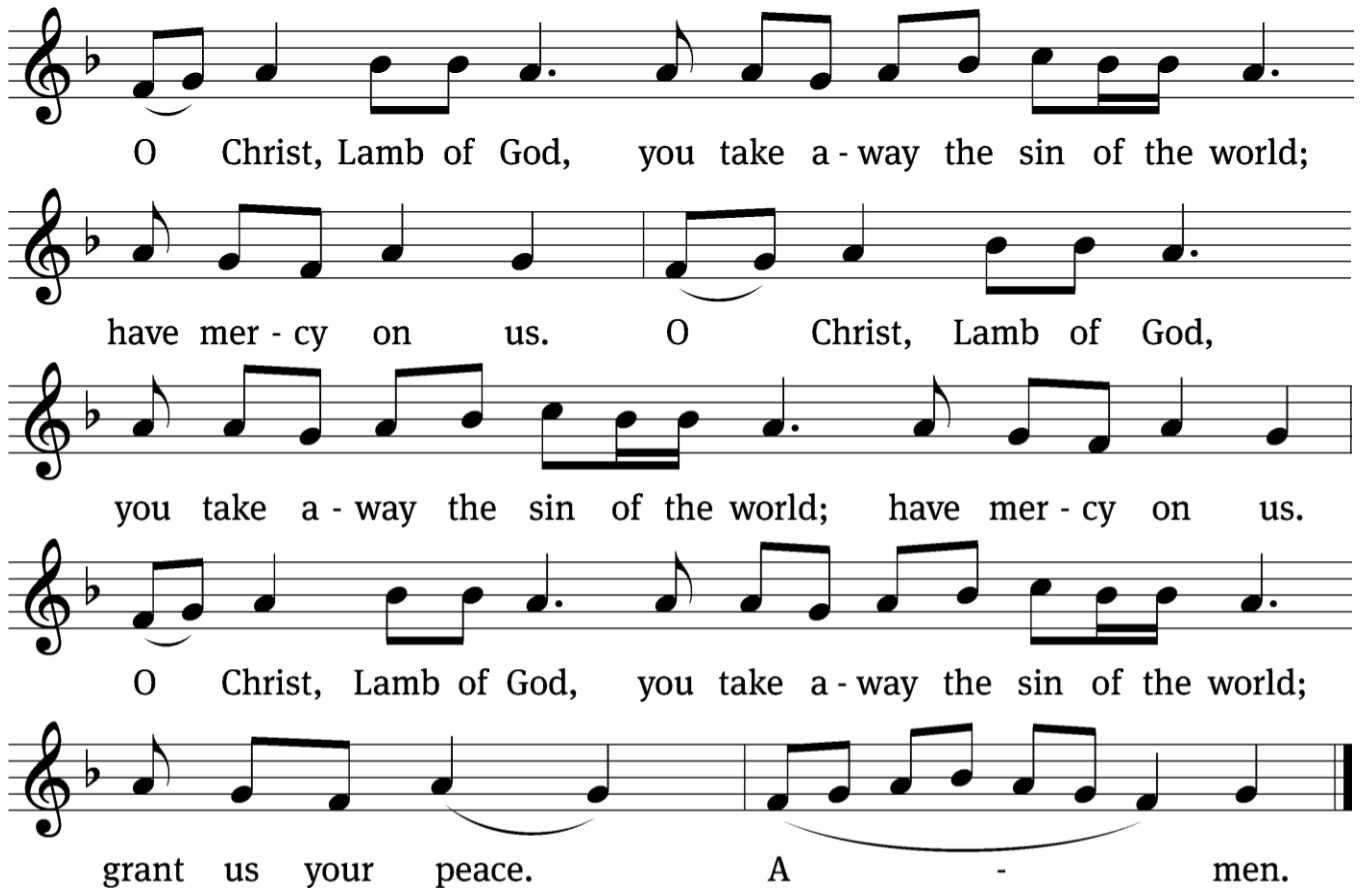
LORD'S PRAYER: p. 168

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. 169



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - - - men.

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 HYMN: #798 – I Lay My Sins on Jesus

**I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God;
he bears them all and frees us from the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus to wash my crimson stains
white in his blood most precious till not a spot remains.**

**I lay my wants on Jesus, all fullness dwells in him;
he heals all my diseases, my soul he does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, my burdens and my cares;
he from them all releases, he all my sorrows shares.**

**I rest my soul on Jesus, this weary soul of mine;
his right hand me embraces, I in his arms recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
like fragrance on the breezes his name abroad is poured.**

**I long to be like Jesus, meek, loving, lowly, mild;
I long to be like Jesus, the Father's holy child.
I long to be with Jesus amid the heav'nly throng,
to sing with saints his praises, to learn the angels' song.**

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**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.**

**We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this
saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in
you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the
name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

BLESSING:

Amen.

Please be seated.

CLOSING HYMN: #605 – From All That Dwell below the Skies

**From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator's praise arise. Alleluia, alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Eternal are your mercies, Lord;
eternal truth attends your Word. Alleluia, alleluia!
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore
till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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IN HIS INFINITE WISDOM, the Lord called home to himself in heaven the soul of Pastor Paul Siegler on Friday, August 19th. Service arrangements are pending.



FUNERAL SERVICE for Edwin Junas will take place on Saturday, August 27th at 11:00 AM here at Grace. There will be a light luncheon in the fellowship hall after the service. Memorial can be designated to the Grace Choir Fund or to the Grace Tuition Assistance Fund.



Worship attendance: 8:00 AM – 126; 10:30 AM – 180
Sunday School attendance: Adults – 95; Children – 21
Senior ushers – 8:00: Dylan Wall & Jon Floerke
10:30: AJ McDunn & Todd Rovey
Organist: Michael Wilde

HOSPITALIZED OR RECUPERATING AT HOME:

Adrienne Siffring

THIS WEEK AT GRACE:

- SUN - **COMMUNION** Worship, 8 & 10:30 AM; Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30 AM
- MON - Choir Practice, 7:00 PM
- SUN - **Worship, 8 & 10:30 AM;** Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30 AM; Israel Trip Meeting, noon

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 27th will be captained by Jon & Sarah Floerke with Acacia Floerke; Jason & Rebekah Frear; Chris, Heather, & Josh Kallies; Greg, Claudia, AJ, & Tristan McDunn; and Jake, Merida, Mackenzie, & Andrew Oliphant.



SUPER SATURDAY SIGN-UP...Please use the green sheet in the narthex to sign up for the Fall/Winter session of Super Saturday and either give it to one of the pastors or put it in the box in the narthex, or you may register online at www.graceglendale.org by clicking Super Saturday in the Bible Studies section on the Home page. Lunch is provided by the Ladies Aid. Childcare is available by request.



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 28th meeting at noon** in the Fellowship Hall.



LWMS FALL RETREAT is October 7-9, 2022 at Camp Shadow Pines in Heber, AZ. Find more information about the camp and register online at www.gcwlwms.org, or you may pick up a registration form in the narthex. The registration deadline is September 17, 2022. **Registration is required – no walk-ins will be accepted.**

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FINANCIAL UPDATE: Need amounts are based on a goal of **\$947,507.00** by **6/30/2023**.

Week ending 8/14/2022:

YTD 7/1/2022 through 8/14/2022:

Weekly Need:	18,000.00		YTD Need:	123,200.00
Weekly Actual:	13,938.81		YTD Actual:	95,785.54
Weekly +/-:	-4,061.19		YTD +/-:	-27,414.46



FALL 2022 BIBLE CLASSES... Four new Bible studies will begin the week of Labor Day. **Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex.** Sign up for as many classes as will fit your schedule!

- **Church-Mission-Ministry – Sunday, September 11th, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall:** Confusion is rampant among Christians as to who we are, why we exist as a group, and what our purpose is. This study will give answers and application from the Bible. Pastor Clark will lead this class.
- **Law & Gospel – Sunday, September 11th, 9:30 AM, Room 1:** The two main teachings of the Bible with application to our lives. Pastor Jacobson will lead this class. **There is limited seating in Room 1.** Sign up soon!

- ***The Chosen*** – Tuesday, September 6th, 2:00 PM, Fellowship Hall: This is a study of the scriptural references described in each episode of this film. There will be discussion of the passages as depicted by the film. Pastor Jacobson will lead this class.
- ***The Good News Spreads: a study of the book of Acts*** – Wednesday, September 7th, 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall: We will study the three parts of Acts, punctuated by some independent study, and pictures from the places where the stories occurred. Pastor Clark is the instructor.