

Jesus appears as the Son of God in glory



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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.*

THE SERVICE: p. 154, Setting 1

OPENING HYMN: #389 – How Good, Lord, to Be Here

**How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night;
your face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.**

**How good, Lord, to be here your beauty to behold,
where Moses and Elijah stand, your messengers of old.**

**Fulfiller of the past, and hope of things to be,
we hail your body glorified and our redemption see.**

**Before we taste of death, we see your kingdom come;
we long to hold the vision bright and make this hill our home.**

**But you, Lord, do not stay. With mercy resolute
you leave this glorious hill to die—our perfect substitute.**

**How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.**

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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:

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.

SONG OF THE LITURGY: Shine, Jesus, Shine – #270L

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining.
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, Shine on me.**

REFRAIN:

**Shine, Jesus, shine! Fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze! Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow! Flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your Word, Lord, And let there be light!**

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance.
By the blood I may enter your brightness;
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, Shine on me. (*Refrain*)**

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, Shine on me. (*Refrain*)**

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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; 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 Lord reveals his glory on Mount Sinai.

Exodus 24:9-18 ⁹Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up ¹⁰and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. ¹¹But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank. ¹²The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.” ¹³Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. ¹⁴He said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.” ¹⁵When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, ¹⁶and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. ¹⁷To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. ¹⁸Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

JUNIOR CHOIR: (8:00).....Jesus Take Us to the Mountain
ADULT CHOIR: (10:30).....Holy Spirit

SECOND READING: Peter was an eyewitness to the glory of

Christ. 2 Peter 1:16-21 ¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. ¹⁹We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. ²¹For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

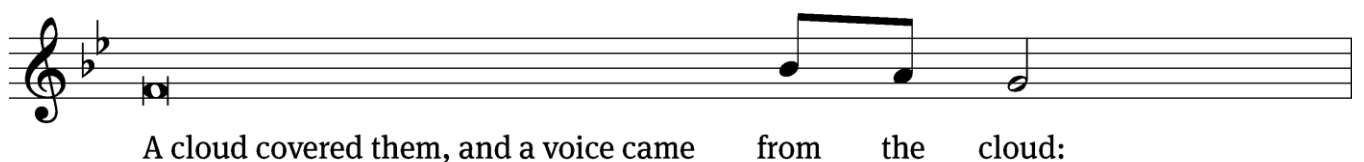
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mark 9:7



Refrain



Tone



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GOSPEL: The account of Christ's transfiguration Matthew 17:1-9

¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. ⁴Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." ⁸When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #639 – God Has Spoken by His Prophets

**God has spoken by his prophets, spoken his unchanging Word,
each from age to age proclaiming God, the one, the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil one firm anchor holds us fast:
God is King, his throne eternal, God the first and God the last.**

**God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ, the everlasting Son,
brightness of the Father's glory, with the Father ever one;
spoken by the Word incarnate, God from God, before time was;
Light from Light, to earth descending, he reveals our God to us.**

**God is speaking by his Spirit, speaking to our hearts again,
in the ageless Word declaring his own message, now as then.
Thro' the rise and fall of nations one sure faith is standing fast:
God abides, his Word unchanging, God the first and God the last.**

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SERMON: 2 Peter 1:16-21

LISTEN TO PETER, WHO LISTENED TO JESUS

1. The words of the Transfiguration spoke louder than the actions.
2. Our words, carried along by the Holy Spirit, are God's Word.

Please stand.

NICENE CREED: p. 162

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.*

Please stand.

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 lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth.

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:..... p. 168

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O CHRIST, 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,

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.



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.

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 HYMN: #388 – Down from the Mount of Glory

**Down from the mount of glory came Jesus Christ, our Lord.
 Recall the wondrous story, rich gem in sacred Word.
 Again your faith will view him in double glory here;
 the greater homage due him will in your life appear.**

**Transfigured, Christ, the lowly, stood radiant in the light,
 light found in Godhead solely, for human eyes too bright.
 Then came a voice from heaven, confirmed what here we see;
 the words “my Son” were given to seal his deity.**

**Yet mark this glory hidden! See him the mount descend
and, by the Father bidden, his willing footsteps bend
to seek humiliation in deepest depths of woe,
to suffer degradation no mind can probe or know.**

**Strange how his journey ended! In love that is his fame
our Lord again ascended a mount—the hill of shame.
Upon the cross he proffered himself to agony;
his holy soul he offered to set the guilty free.**

**Then hail the double glory of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
and let the wondrous story full peace and joy afford!
The holy mount acclaims him the majesty divine;
Mount Calvary proclaims him Redeemer—yours and mine.**

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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.

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:..... p. 170
Amen.

Please be seated.

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA:

Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith

remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, the Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word *alleluia*, which means, “Praise the Lord.”

Now for a time we say farewell to *alleluia*. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The *alleluias* will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.



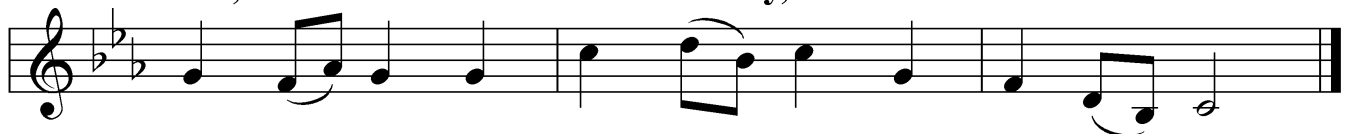
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 2 Al - le - lu - ia we are sing - ing, voic - ing hymns in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while
 4 May our hymns be filled with long - ing—hear us, Ho - ly



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
 pure ac - cord, With Christ's ho - ly Church u - nit - ed,
 here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions
 Trin - i - ty— As we look to your blest Eas - ter,



ev - er dear to choirs on high; Saints a - dorned in
 jus - ti - fied, re - deemed, re - stored, And with all his
 make us for a while fore - go. For the sol - emn
 here, and then e - ter - nal - ly, When we shall once



robes of glo - ry join the great an - gel - ic cry.
 faith - ful peo - ple raise our songs to praise the Lord.
 time is com - ing when our tears for sin must flow.
 more be sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly!

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ALTAR FLOWERS were donated by Konrad & Ruth Lincoln in celebration of their 30th Wedding Anniversary.



Worship attendance: 8:00 AM – 84; 10:30 AM – 192

Sunday School attendance: Adults: Hall – 63; Room 1 – 25;

Children – 22

Tuesday *The Chosen* Class: 16; Wednesday *Acts* Class: 15

Senior ushers – 8:00 AM: Jon Floerke, Dylan Wall, & Eoghan Hill

10:30 AM: Todd Rovey & Tristan McDunn

Organist: Jeff Wegner

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(Thunderbird Hospital)

THIS WEEK AT GRACE:

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

MON - NO School – Presidents Day

TUE - *The Chosen* Bible class, 2:00 PM; Church Council, 6:30 PM

WED - **Ash Wednesday COMMUNION** Worship, 4:00 & 7:00 PM; Lenten Supper, 5:00 PM; Public School Confirmation Class, 6:30 PM

SUN - **Worship, 8:00 & 10:30 AM;** Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30 AM; Special Call Meeting, 11:30 AM

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. *Forward in Christ* and February 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 February 25th will be captained by Marlin & Arleen Bodenstedt with David & John Eaton; Karen Hutchison; and Ray & Shirley McDonough.

SPECIAL CALL MEETING @ 11:30 AM, Sunday, February 26th



SCRIPTURAL CONFIRMATION, EASTER CARDS, & GREETING CARDS are available for purchase in the fellowship hall before Bible class this morning.



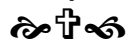
2023 COOKIE SERVERS...We need cookie servers for our Sunday morning Fellowship Time. If you're interested, sign the sheet located where the cookies are served.



COOKIE DONATIONS...Our cookie supplies for the Sunday morning Fellowship Time are very low. Bring cookie donations marked 'Fellowship Time' to the church kitchen.



ABC @ VILLAGE INN, 9490 W. Northern Avenue, 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 1st. Adult Breakfast and Coffee Group is made up of Grace members and friends who enjoy gathering for breakfast on two Wednesdays each month. We begin with a devotion, great conversations, and breakfast! Everyone is welcome and we all pay for our own meals. You may sign up for breakfast with ABC by using the contact information below or by using the registration sheets found on the table in the narthex. When registering please include names of all people who will be attending. If this is the first time you will be attending, please include a mobile phone number which will be used for text messages. To receive more information contact Pat Walker at 480-717-0131 (cell) or patwalker1950@gmail.com.



ALA GALA TICKETS AVAILABLE!...You're invited to attend the Arizona Lutheran Academy Gala on Saturday, April 1, 2023. The evening will include games, dining, entertainment, and a silent and live auction to support ALA students by raising funds for campus improvements. Visit ALAcoyotes.org/gala for tickets or more information.



WORK DAY AT GRACE on Saturday, February 25th at 7:00 AM...We will finish replacing light fixtures on the school side of campus.

ALA GALA DONATIONS... Grace Ladies Aid is collecting gift cards to include in the basket that will be donated to the ALA Gala auction. If you would like to donate gift cards, please give them to Shawna Tech no later than Sunday, March 5th.



LADIES AID 2023 COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS... Please consider signing up for one of the Ladies Aid committees. The sheet is on the table next to the Altar Flower Binder in the narthex. There are still many blank spaces that need to be filled in 2023.



LADIES AID SERVICE GROUPS... To include correct information in the *2023 Ladies Aid Handbook*, please send any new phone numbers or email addresses to Alice Thiesfeldt at secretary@graceglendale.org or call 623-937-2010, ext. 301. If you'd like to be assigned to a service group, please pick up a form from the narthex.



2023 ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP SHEETS... You may sign up to donate altar bouquets for 2023 in the Altar Flower binder in the narthex. Altar bouquets cost \$35 each. Enclose payment in a pink envelope (make checks payable to Grace Ladies Aid) and drop in the collection plate or give it to the Ladies Aid Treasurer, Rebekah Frear. Please do **NOT** leave your payment in the box next to the binder in the narthex.



LWMS GRAND CANYON – WEST SPRING RALLY will be held at Deer Valley Lutheran Church, 220 W Union Hills Drive, Phoenix, on Saturday, April 15th. Check-in begins at 8:15 AM. The registration fee is \$20, and the registration deadline is March 30th. Registration forms are in the narthex or register online at www.gcwlwms.org



WELS YOUTH NIGHT... Experience an inspiring evening of games, music, God's Word, small group discussion, and fun with fellow high schoolers (9th – 12th grade). The next WELS Youth Night will be **Saturday, March 18th**, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 3257 E. University Drive Mesa, AZ 85213. Doors open at 5:15 PM. Pick up a flier in the narthex for more information.

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**.

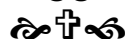
Week ending 2/12/2023:

YTD 7/1/2021 through 2/12/2023:

Weekly Need:	18,000.00		YTD Need:	594,400.00
Weekly Actual:	14,407.05		YTD Actual:	546,448.23
Weekly +/-:	-3,592.95		YTD +/-:	-47,951.77



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES begin Lent. We will celebrate communion in both our Ash Wednesday services at 4:00 & 7:00 PM on Wednesday, **February 22nd**. There will be a Lenten Chili Supper hosted by the Grace Faculty from 5:00-6:30 PM. Proceeds will go to the Tuition Assistance Fund. Suggested supper donation is \$5.00.



HOLY WEEK DEVOTIONS...To assist you in your Holy Week observance, you can find free WELS devotions online at <https://mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions/>