

The Savior's Sermon: You Are...So Be!

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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.*
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THE SERVICE: p. 188, Setting 3

OPENING HYMN: #630 – Thy Strong Word (stanzas 1-3)

**Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
at thy speaking it was done.**

**For created light we thank thee
while thine ordered seasons run.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

**Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of thy salvation,
breathed thine own life-giving breath.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

**Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
bright with thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
and our lives our hopes confess.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

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

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:..... p. 191

The musical score is written in a single system with eight staves. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score concludes with a double bar line.

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 God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; 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: A treasured nation for the benefit of the whole earth. Exodus 19:1-8a

¹On the first day of the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—on that very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai. ²After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain. ³Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ⁴‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.” ⁷So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the LORD had commanded him to speak. ⁸The people all responded together, “We will do everything the LORD has said.”

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

ADULT CHOIR: (10:30).....Here I Am, Lord

SECOND READING: What was true for Israel is now true for all

Christians. 1 Peter 2:9-12 ⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. ¹¹Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:Matthew 5:16



Refrain



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

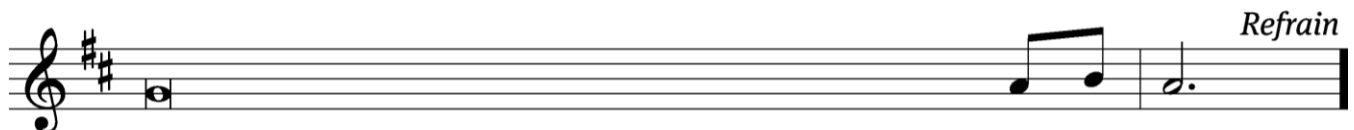


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Tone



Let your light shine before oth - ers,



that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heav - en.

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GOSPEL: Christians functioning as Christians make a difference on non-Christians. Matthew 5:13-20 ¹³“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. ¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

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

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #630 – Thy Strong Word (stanzas 4-6)

**From the cross thy wisdom shining
breaketh forth in conqu’ring might;
From the cross forever beameth
all thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

**Give us lips to sing thy glory,
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats to shout the hope that fills us,**

**mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which thou dost send
fill our songs with alleluias, alleluias without end!**

**God the Father, light-creator,
to thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light from Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever praise the holy Trinity!**

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SERMON: 1 Peter 2:9-12

WHAT JESUS TEACHES YOU ABOUT YOU

1. Believers are different from unbelievers.
2. Believers make a difference on unbelievers.

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.*

Please stand.

PREFACE: p. 199

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. 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:..... p.202

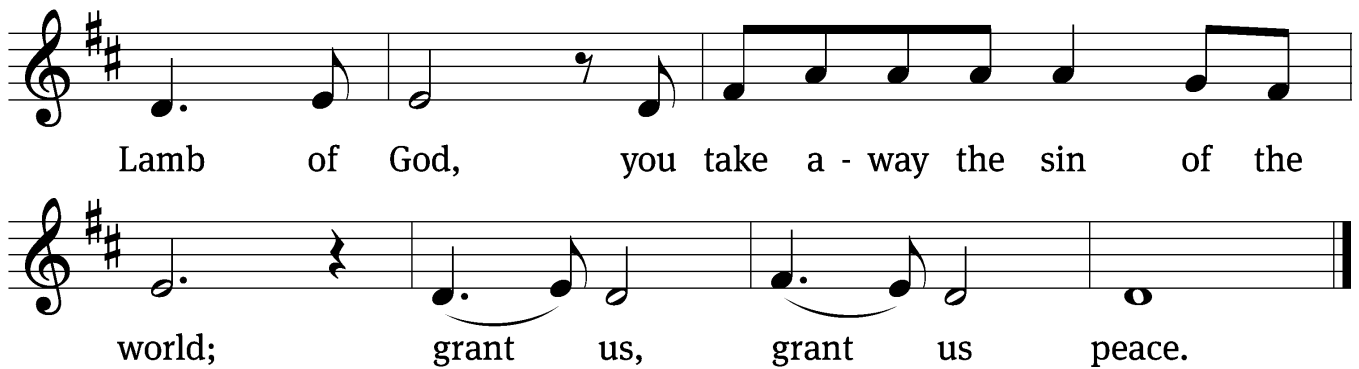
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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.



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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 HYMN: #668 – Jesus Comes Today with Healing

**Jesus comes today with healing, knocking at my door, appealing,
off’ring pardon, grace, and peace.**

He himself makes preparation, and I hear his invitation:

“Come and taste the blessed feast.”

**Christ himself, the priest presiding, yet in bread and wine abiding
in this holy sacrament,
gives the bread of life, once broken, and the cup, the precious token
of his sacred covenant.**

**Under bread and wine, though lowly, I receive the Savior holy,
blood and body, giv’n for me,
very Lamb of God from heaven, who to bitter death was given,
hung upon the cursèd tree.**

**God descends with heav'nly power, gives himself to me this hour
in this ordinary sign.**

**On my tongue his pledge receiving, I accept his grace, believing
that I taste his love divine.**

**Let me praise God's boundless favor,
whose own feast of love I savor, bidden by his gracious call.
Wedding garments he provides me,
with a robe of white he hides me, fits me for the royal hall.**

**Now have I found consolation, comfort in my tribulation,
balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror, cleanses me from sin and error,
makes my wounded spirit whole.**

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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: #736 – Lord, You Call Us as Your People

**Lord, you call us as your people, out of darkness into light.
You created and redeemed us, made us precious in your sight.
Give us faith to trust you boldly and to love you steadfastly.
By your Spirit may we ever faithful to our callings be.**

**Lord, you call us as your people, now in faith we sing your praise:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, alleluias to you raise.
Hold us in your gracious power, blessed Holy Trinity,
that rejoicing we will ever faithful to our callings be.**

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Worship attendance: 8:00 AM – 125; 10:30 AM – 172
Sunday School attendance: Adults: Hall – 71; Rm 1 – 26; Children – 11
Tuesday *The Chosen* Class: 15; Wednesday *Acts* Class: 17
Senior ushers – 8:00 AM: Jon Floerke & Bruce Rademacher
10:30 AM: Dean Rovey & Alan Borchardt
Organist: Terry Greening

THIS WEEK AT GRACE:

SUN - COMMUNION Worship, 8:00 & 10:30 AM; Bible Classes & Sunday School, 9:30 AM; Campus Ministry, noon

MON - Boy Pioneers, 6:30 PM; Choir Practice, 7:00 PM

TUE - *The Chosen* Bible class, 2:00 PM; Ladies Aid, 7:00 PM

WED - Public School Confirmation Class, 6:30 PM; *Acts* Bible Class, 7:00 PM

THU - Council Reports & Newsletter Articles due

SAT - Grace Work Day, 7:00 AM; Super Saturday #2, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

HOSPITALIZED OR RECUPERATING AT HOME:

Adrienne Siffring – 7319 W Sweetwater Avenue, Peoria, AZ 85381-5085
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Mary Rademacher – 10955 N 79th Ave, Lot 137, Peoria, AZ 85345-5977
(Home)

Robert Volz – 6510 W Butler Drive, Unit 106, Glendale, AZ 85302-4321
(Encompass Rehab)

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 11th will be captained by Alan & Sue Quamme with Scott, Stacey, & Eoghan Hill; Don Jeffery; Debbie Mulleneaux; Everett Quamme; and Jayme Lowder.



SCRIPTURAL CONFIRMATION & EASTER CARDS are available for purchase in the fellowship hall before Bible class this morning. Greeting cards can also be purchased singly and by the box.



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.



LADIES AID MEETING...Ladies Aid will meet on Tuesday at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship hall. The hostesses will be Kris Groth & Debbie Mulleneaux. February Altar Committee is Debbie Mulleneaux & Brenda Hepper and Kitchen/Cry Room Comm. is Shawna Tech.



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.

YOUTH GROUP BOWLING EVENT...All high schoolers are invited to join us for an afternoon of bowling on **TODAY**, February 5th from 1:00 – 3:30 PM at AMF Peoria Lanes, 8475 W. Olive Avenue. The cost is \$10 per person. Please contact Megan Sullivan at 602-489-9458 or megsully@msn.com if you need more information.



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

Week ending 1/29/2023:

YTD 7/1/2021 through 1/29/2023:

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| Weekly Need: | 15,000.00 | | YTD Need: | 556,900.00 |
| Weekly Actual: | 11,633.05 | | YTD Actual: | 517,088.30 |
| Weekly +/-: | -3,366.95 | | YTD +/-: | -39,811.70 |



DIVINE CALL EXTENDED...Grace has extended a call to Steve Biedenbender to be our 7th & 8th Grade teacher and music director. Mr. Biedenbender is currently serving at St. Paul Lutheran School in New Ulm, MN as 7th & 8th Grade teacher and music director. Please keep him in your prayers while he seeks direction on how he can best serve in the Lord's kingdom.