

**HE LIVES  
to be my  
Good Shepherd**

**EASTER 4  
APRIL 30, 2023**



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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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**THE SERVICE:** ..... p. 188, Setting 3

**OPENING HYMN: #471 – Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds**

**Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
in praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Eternal is the gift he brings,  
therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Now still he comes to give us life  
and by his presence stills all strife.  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
set heart and will on things above  
that we conquer thro' your triumph.  
Grant grace sufficient for life's day  
that by our lives we truly say:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Adoring praises now we bring  
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"  
Be to the Father and our Lord,  
to Spirit blest, most holy God,  
all the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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*Please stand.*

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

## **CONFESSION:**

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**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: .....#938 – This Is the Feast**

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.

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



1    3 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ who was slain has be -



blood set us free \_\_\_\_\_ to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, \_\_\_\_\_ bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Refrain*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun his \_\_\_\_\_ reign. \_\_\_\_\_ Al - le - lu - ia! *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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

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

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father’s house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**FIRST READING: The church is under the care of the Good**

**Shepherd.** Acts 2:42-47 <sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup>Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup>They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup>Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

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

**ADULT CHOIR:** (10:30).....The Lord's My Shepherd

**SECOND READING: The Shepherd and Overseer of our souls is with us during unjust suffering.** 1 Peter 2:19-25 <sup>19</sup>For it is

commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. <sup>20</sup>But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. <sup>21</sup>To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." <sup>23</sup>When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." <sup>25</sup>For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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

*Please stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** ..... John 10:14



*Refrain*



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



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

*Tone*



I am the good shep - herd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me.

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**GOSPEL: The only way to be one of God's sheep is through Jesus.**

John 10:1-10 <sup>1</sup>“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. <sup>7</sup>Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

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

*Please be seated.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #552 – The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

**The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness fails me never;  
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow, my Savior gently leads me,  
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feeds me.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me  
and on his shoulder gently laid and home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill with you, dear Lord, beside me,  
your rod and staff my comfort still, your cross before to guide me.**

**You spread a table in my sight, a banquet here bestowing;  
your oil of welcome, my delight; my cup is overflowing!**

**And so through all the length of days  
your goodness fails me never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise  
within your house forever!**

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**SERMON: ..... 1 Peter 2:19-25**

**JESUS WANTS US TO BE SHEEP.**

1. Be patient in adversity.
2. Following the Shepherd of your souls.

*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:**

Loving Shepherd of the sheep, fill us with contentment and confidence during this season as we celebrate your Easter victory. You laid down your life for the sheep and then rose again to assure us that you give us eternal life.

**Good Shepherd, save us.**

Strengthen our faith to follow where you lead, to the green pastures of your Word, the quiet waters of our baptism, and the gracious table of your body and blood where our cup overflows with your forgiving love. Guide us to find in you the gate that leads to safety and good pastures.

**Good Shepherd, lead us.**

Guard and protect us from those who want to lead us astray and snatch us out of your hand. Give us courage to fight against the devil and wisdom to recognize false teachers. Lead us to honor and follow those you have called to shepherd your flock, the Church.

**Good Shepherd, guide us.**

Let your rod and your staff comfort us and all your sheep in times of sickness and sadness and especially when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death. May we find in your redemption and your Father's resolve the unbreakable promise that we will dwell in your house forever.

**Good Shepherd, console us.**



Move us to reach out to sheep who are not yet a part of our sheep pen but whom you have claimed as your own. Give us your passion to search for the sheep who are lost and lead us to rejoice when they have been found.

**Good Shepherd, inspire us.**

*Special Intercessions*

We thank you for all the blessings we have gained from your goodness: family and friends, wealth and health, work and leisure. Give us wisdom to long for and cherish your more precious gifts, your Word and sacraments, so that your goodness and love may follow us all the days of our life.

**Good Shepherd, hear us. Amen.**

OFFERINGS OF LOVE TO OUR LORD

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

**HANDBELLS:** (10:30)..... Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

**SERMON HYMN:** #551 – Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

**Jesus, shepherd of the sheep, who your Father’s flock does keep,  
safe we wake and safe we sleep, guarded still by you.**

**In your promise firm we stand, none can take us from your hand;  
speak—we hear—at your command, we will follow you.**

**By your blood our souls were bought,  
by your life salvation wrought;  
by your light our feet are taught, Lord, to follow you.**

**Father, draw us to your Son; we with joy will follow on  
till the work of grace is done, there to live with you.**

**We, in robes of glory dressed, join th’\_assembly of the blest,  
gathered to eternal rest in the fold with you.**

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*Please stand.*

**PRAYER & THE 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: #625 – Splendor and Honor**

**Splendor and honor, majesty and power,  
are yours, O Lord God, fount of ev’ry blessing,  
for by your bidding was the whole creation  
called into being.**

**Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our redemption,  
by whose self-off’ring we are made God’s people:  
a priestly kingdom, from all tongues and nations,  
called to God’s service.**

**To the Almighty, throned in heav’nly splendor,  
and to the Savior, Christ our Lamb and Shepherd,  
be adoration, praise, and glory given,  
now and forever.**

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Worship attendance: 8:00 AM – 132; 10:30 AM – 120  
Sunday School attendance: Adults – no classes; Children – 8  
Tue. *The Chosen* Bible class: 15  
Senior ushers – 8:00 AM: Dylan Wall; 10:30 AM: Scott Gillespie  
Organist: Michael Wilde

### **HOSPITALIZED OR RECUPERATING AT HOME:**

Adrienne Siffring  
Sandra Lederer  
Karen Sanchez

### **THIS WEEK AT GRACE:**

SUN - **Worship, 8:00 & 10:30 AM;** Bible class & Sunday School, 9:30 AM; lunch for Voters Meeting attendees, 11:30 AM; Voters Meeting, noon  
MON - Handbell Practice, 6:15 PM; Choir Practice, 7:00 PM; Boy Pioneers, 6:30 in Rm 7  
TUE - AZ Pastoral Conference; Ladies Aid, 7:00 AM  
WED - AZ Pastoral Conference; ABC @ Village Inn, 8:30 AM  
THU - Elders Meeting, 3:00 PM; School Board, 6:30 PM  
FRI - School Spring Concert, 2:00 PM

### **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. *Forward in Christ* and May 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 May 6<sup>th</sup> will be captained by Dean & Anne Stolz with Bruce, Jared, & Devan Rademacher; Matthew & Emily Mullins; and Matt, Johanna, Dylan, & Dawson Wall.



**LADIES AID** will meet at 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Shawna Tech & Kris Groth are the hostesses. All ladies of Grace are welcome to attend.

**ABC FOR MAY...**The Adult Breakfast and Coffee group will meet at Village Inn, 9490 W. Northern Avenue on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 AM and will meet at Brothers Restaurant, 8466 W Peoria Avenue in Peoria on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM. Please sign the sheets in

the narthex so that adequate seating can be arranged, or sign up by phone, text, or email, or contact Pat Walker for more information, cell #480-717-0131 or email [patwalker1950@gmail.com](mailto:patwalker1950@gmail.com).



**CHURCH CAMPOUT DATES...**Mark your calendars now for a church campout, July 21–23, 2023 at Canyon Point Campground on the Mogollon Rim. Watch for the sign-up sheet! If you have questions, see Chris Kallies or Alex Janosek.



**PRESCHOOL INFORMATION...**If you have a child (or know someone who has a child) that will be turning 3-years-old or 4-years-old, stop by our school and talk with Mrs. Tech for information about what our preschool can offer you. Call Mrs. Shawna Tech at 623-937-2010, ext. 319 for more details.



**GRACE SPRING MUSIC CONCERT...**You are invited to attend the Grace school Spring Concert on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Admission is free.



**CONGREGATIONAL PARTNER GRANT PROGRAM (CPGP)**  
...Martin Luther College's program to help students pay tuition will match contributions from a congregation up to **\$1,325 per student**. This is available for Abbey Mueller (Junior), Joshua Kallies (Sophomore), and Rachel Groth (Freshman). You may go online to <https://secure.myvanco.com/YQDX/home> to donate. If you already are set up with VANCO for online donations you can log in on the main page. Click on the '**Offer Support**' button, enter the amount of your donation, either Now or the Date that you would like the amount to come from your account (before June 26<sup>th</sup>), and then Add to Basket. If you participate by check, please make it payable to "**Grace Ev. Lutheran Church**" and write "**CPGP**" on the memo line. You may mail or hand deliver your check to Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, 5600 W Palmaire Ave. Glendale, AZ 85301.

**ALPHA BABY BOTTLE DRIVE...**As in past years, you will have the opportunity to support our local Chapter of Christian Life Resources by filling a baby bottle with cash, coins, or a check (made payable to ALPHA). Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center (APRC) assists the

women of our community by providing practical assistance to mothers of young children and alternatives to abortion while sharing the Word of God. In addition to the spiritual needs of these ladies, APRC fills their physical needs by providing practical assistance including diapers, formula, and baby clothes. Monies collected will be used to support this ministry. Pick up a bottle from the fellowship hall on Mother's Day and return it on or before Father's Day.



**LOST & FOUND...** Please collect any glasses, jewelry, baking dishes, or other personal items that may have been left in the church, hall, or kitchen over the last few months. Whatever is not claimed in a timely manner will be disposed of appropriately.



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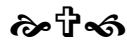
**FINANCIAL UPDATE:** Need amounts are based on a goal of **\$947,507.00** by **6/30/2023**.

**Week ending 4/16/2023:** **YTD 7/1/2023 through 4/16/2023:**

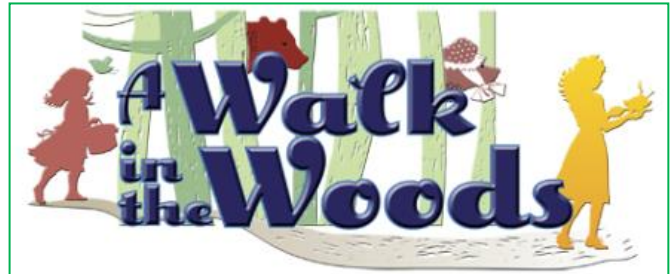
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Weekly Actual:	13,994.51		YTD Actual:	699,914.00
Weekly +/-:	-3,005.49		YTD +/-:	-73,886.00

**VOTERS MEETING, TODAY, APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>...** Lunch is served at 11:30 for anyone who plans to attend the meeting, which begins at noon. While voting is limited to male members aged 18 years and over, **ALL** Grace members are invited and encouraged to attend the

meeting. Reports will be presented at the congregation meeting with an opportunity for all of you to hear what is happening at Grace.



**GRACE SCHOOL PLAY...A Walk in the Woods** written by Debbie Metzler and produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Englewood, CO will depict the tales of Goldilocks, the Three Bears, Little Red Riding Hood, the Three Little Pigs, and Hansel and Gretel all blended into one delightful play while staying true to the original stories. Goldilocks, who is forest-savvy from having to survive in the woods without a



family, is on the run from the Three Bears but takes time to help Little Red Riding Hood, who is leery of her stepmother's motivation in sending her out into the woods at dusk with a basket full of food and a bright red cloak. Along the way, they meet the Woodsman (who also happens to be Hansel and Gretel's father) and the zany Wolf (the same canine who plagues the Three Little Pigs). Performances will include a **dress rehearsal on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM** and a **performance Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM**. Both will take place in the fellowship hall.



**VBS-STELLAR SHINE JESUS' LIGHT...**Join us as we participate in daily cosmic quests where students will have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Each day we'll launch into learning stations that reinforce important Bible Points and immerse students in new adventures. When our students walk out of Stellar VBS, they'll be equipped and inspired to shine Jesus' light to the world. **VBS Dates are June 5<sup>th</sup> – June 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to noon.** Sign-up for participants & volunteers begins Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>! Ready, Set, LAUNCH! Visit <https://vbspro.events/p/events/a16da5>. To register or use this QR code.

**SANCTUARY LIGHTING PROJECT UPDATE...**You may have noticed the brighter lighting, but also the orange tape on the floor, or that the wall switches no longer turn the lights on and off. Unforeseen wiring problems were discovered from the original construction. We had no way of



knowing that there was a problem, but it does explain some of the strange behaviors with the lights in the past. The new project can't be completed until they can schedule an electrician to come back and correct the problems. They expect it will take a couple of weeks to get it worked into the schedule and added expenses for the extra labor involved. Please be patient during construction delays and consider a donation toward the Sanctuary Lighting Project to help cover additional expenses that will be incurred with the extra wiring and labor needed to make sure that our Sanctuary meets all electrical safety standards and codes for the future.