

THE HOLY MINISTRY preaches Christ despite persecution



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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: SETTING 3 CW 188

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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(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 we 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)

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

CW 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.

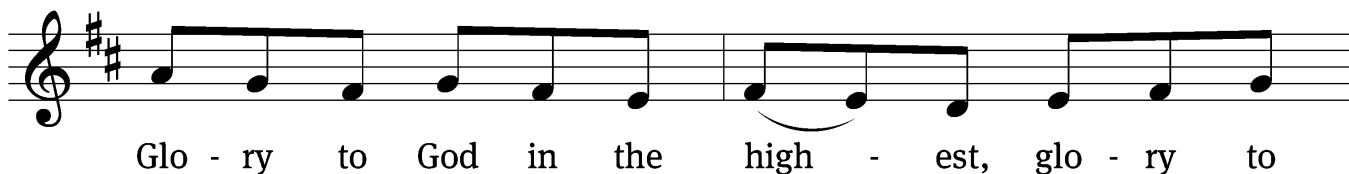
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

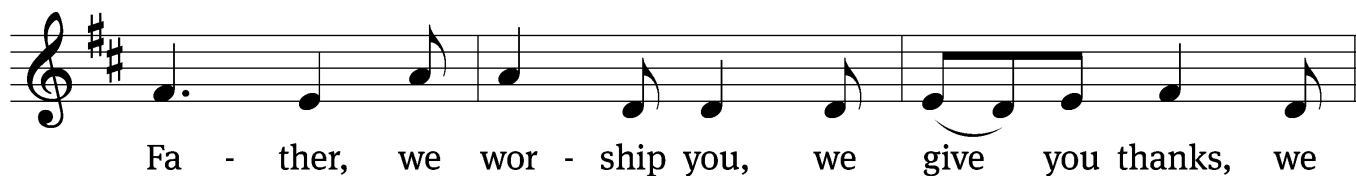
GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

CW 191





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



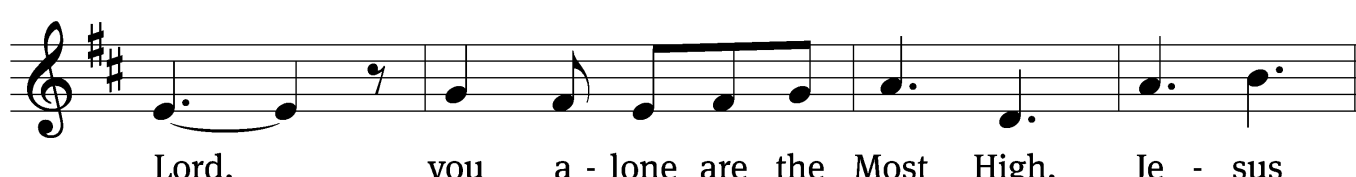
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



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: PROPER 7 (YEAR A)

Let us pray.

O God, because your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in your eternal love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

(Be seated)

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 20:7-13

Jeremiah is an example of preaching Christ despite persecution.

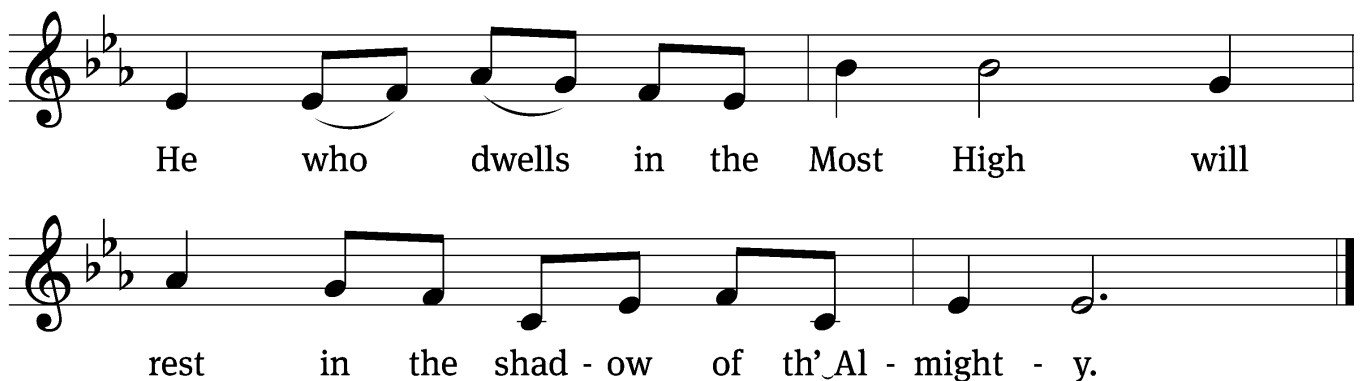
⁷You deceived me, LORD, and I was deceived; you overpowered me and prevailed. I am ridiculed all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸Whenever I speak, I cry out proclaiming violence and destruction. So the word of the LORD has brought me insult and reproach all day long. ⁹But if I say, "I will not mention his word or speak anymore in his name," his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot. ¹⁰I hear many whispering, "Terror on every side! Denounce him! Let's denounce him!" All my friends are waiting for me to slip, saying, "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we will prevail over him and take our revenge on him." ¹¹But the LORD is with me like a mighty warrior; so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail. They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced; their dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹²LORD Almighty, you who examine the righteous and probe the heart and mind, let me see your vengeance on them, for to you I have committed my cause. ¹³Sing to the LORD! Give praise to the LORD! He rescues the life of the needy from the hands of the wicked.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

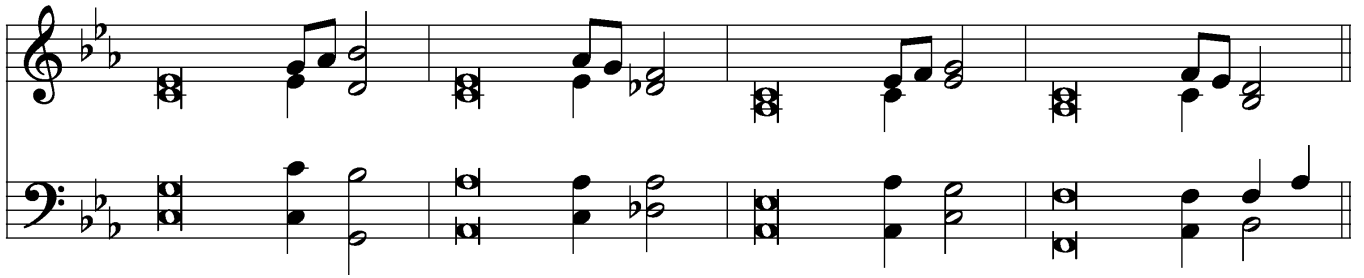
PSALM OF THE DAY: 91A THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY

Refrain



He who dwells in the Most High will
rest in the shadow of th'Al-might-y.

Tone



Surely he will save you from the / fowler's snare
and from the deadly / pestilence.
He will cover you with his / feathers,
and under his wings you will find / refuge.

You will not fear the ter- / ror of night,
nor the arrow that / flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in the / darkness,
nor the plague that destroys at / midday. *Refrain*

If you say, "The LORD is my / refuge,"
and you make the Most High your / dwelling,
no harm will over- / take you,
no disaster will come / near your tent.

For he will command his angels con- / cerning you
to guard you in / all your ways;
they will lift you up / in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot a- / gainst a stone.

**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: 2 TIMOTHY 4:1–8

Paul exhorts Timothy to preach Christ despite persecution.

¹In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ²Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

⁶For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - SETTING 3



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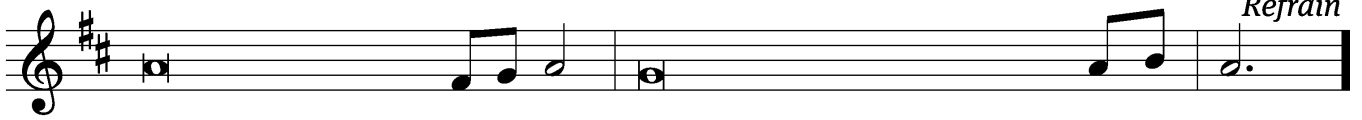


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



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

Tone



My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.
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GOSPEL: MATTHEW 10:5A,21–33

Jesus' instruction includes why we do not need to be afraid of persecution.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions:

²¹“Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. ²²You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. ²³When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴“The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

²⁶“So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. ²⁸Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. ³⁰And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

³²“Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. ³³But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY: 823 JESUS, PRICELESS TREASURE

Jesus, priceless treasure,
fount of purest pleasure,
truest friend to me.

Ah, how long in anguish
shall my spirit languish,
yearning, Lord, for thee?

Thou art mine,
O Lamb divine!

I will suffer naught to hide thee;
naught I ask beside thee.

In thine arms I rest me;
foes who would oppress me
cannot reach me here.

Though the earth be shaking,
ev'ry heart be quaking,
Jesus calms my fear.

Lightnings flash
and thunders crash;
yet, though sin and hell assail me,
Jesus will not fail me.

Satan, I defy thee;
death, I now decry thee;
fear, I bid thee cease.

World, thou shalt not harm me
nor thy threats alarm me
while I sing of peace.

God's great pow'r
guards ev'ry hour;
earth and all its depths adore him,
silent bow before him.

Hence, all earthly treasure!
Jesus is my pleasure,
Jesus is my choice.

Hence, all empty glory!
Naught to me thy story
told with tempting voice.
Pain or loss
or shame or cross
shall not from my Savior move me
since he deigns to love me.

Hence, all fear and sadness!
For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father,
though the storms may gather,
still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er
I here must bear,
thou art still my purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!

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SERMON:.....1 Timothy 4:1-8

Christians, Stay the Course!

1. Pastors, herald God's Word.
2. Members, desire sound teaching.

(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.

(Be seated)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Special Intercessions

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

OFFERING OF LOVE TO OUR LORD

Please fill out the "Welcome to Grace" register in your pew at this time!

HYMN: 797 I KNOW MY FAITH IS FOUNDED

I know my faith is founded
on Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;
and this my faith confessing,
unmoved I stand upon his Word.

Our reason cannot fathom
the truth of God profound;
who trusts in worldly wisdom
relies on shifting ground.

God's Word is all-sufficient,
it makes divinely sure,
and, trusting in its wisdom,
my faith shall rest secure.

Increase my faith, dear Savior,
for Satan seeks by night and day
to rob me of this treasure
and take my hope of bliss away.

But, Lord, with you beside me
I shall be undismayed;
and led by your good Spirit,
I shall be unafraid.

Abide with me, O Savior,
a firmer faith bestow;
then I shall bid defiance
to ev'ry evil foe.

In faith, Lord, let me serve you;
though persecution, grief, and pain
should seek to overwhelm me,
let me a steadfast trust retain.
And then at my departure,
at home with you I'll be,
and there will I inherit
all you have promised me.
In life and death, Lord, keep me
until your heav'n I gain,
where I by your great mercy
the end of faith attain.

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(Stand)

PRAYER

Amen.

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

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

HYMN: 884 LORD, WHEN YOUR GLORY I SHALL SEE

Lord, when your glory I shall see
and taste your kingdom's pleasure,

your blood my royal robe shall be,
my joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before your throne,
your righteousness shall be my crown;
with these I need not hide me.
And there, in garments richly wrought,
as your own bride I shall be brought,
to stand in joy beside you.

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Worship attendance: 8:00 AM – 126; 10:30 AM – 132
Communion attendance: 8:00 AM – 115; 10:30 AM – 89
Sunday School attendance: Adults – 104; Teens – Children – No
Sunday School;
Senior ushers – 8:00 AM: Eoghan Hill 10:30 AM: Sam
Jacobson/Sam Gillespie
Organist: Stacey Hill

THIS WEEK AT GRACE:

TUE - 9a Newsletter Assembly

WED - 3p Elders Meeting

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

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thank you to the crew who cleaned the church last week. The cleaning crew on July 1 will be James and Jaimie Miller, Scott Gillespie, Trella Gillespie, and Veronica Hammer

HOSPITALIZED OR RECUPERATING AT HOME:

Karen Barber (Home)

Wally Wahlberg

Patrick Walker (Home)

Marty Hartmann (Home)

Sandra Lederer

CALLED HOME...July 17, Adrienne Siffring was called home to be with her Savior. Final arrangements are forthcoming.

DIVINE CALL RETURNED...Pastor Jacobson has declined his call to serve at St. Paul's in North Mankato, Minnesota.

DIVINE CALL RECEIVED...Pastor Clark has received a Divine Call to serve at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Marana (Tucson), Arizona to be their Discipleship pastor. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he deliberates the Call to Redeemer as well as the one he holds here at Grace.

SUNDAY, JULY 9 – FURNITURE MOVING AFTER BIBLE CLASS... If you can help, please attend 8am Worship & Bible Class. We will not be moving Fellowship Hall furniture at this time because they will be working on the lighting project starting July 10. We will need all moveable furnishings out of Rooms 5 & 6, the office next to Room 7, the Zimmermann Hall Kitchen, and Preschool Classrooms. Please contact Debbie at officemanager@graceglendale.org, or x322 if you have any questions.

SATURDAY, JULY 15 – WORKDAY AT GRACE... Please mark your calendars. Work will begin at 7a.

CONGREGATIONAL PARTNER GRANT PROGRAM (CPGP)...Martin Luther College will match congregation tuition contributions up to

\$1,325 per student. This is available for Abbey Mueller (Jr), Joshua Kallies (So), and Rachel Groth (Fr), for a total of \$3,975. Make checks 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. For online donation visit <https://secure.myvanco.com/YQDX/home>. If you are set up with VANCO for online donations you can log in on the main page. Click on ‘**Offer Support**’, enter donation amount, either now or the date that you would like the amount to come from your account (before June 26th), and then Add to Basket. (received: **\$3,590** as of June 18)

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

Week ending 6/18/2023:		YTD 7/1/2021 through 6/18/2023:	
Weekly Need:	17,000.00	Weekly Need:	930,200.00
Weekly Actual:	18,308.63	Weekly Actual:	837,000.78
Weekly +/-:	+1,308.63	Weekly +/-:	-93,199.22