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WELCOME...

- *May the Word of God bring you comfort in Christ alone.*
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 - *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. 154, Setting 1

HYMN: LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS

CW 704

Let us ever walk with Jesus,
follow his example pure,
flee the world which would deceive us
and to sin our souls allure.
Ever in his footsteps treading,
body here, yet soul above,
full of faith and hope and love,
let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, abide with me;
Savior, lead; I follow thee.

Let us suffer here with Jesus,
to his image e'er conform;
heaven's glory soon will please us,
sunshine follow on the storm.
Though we sow in tears of sorrow,
we shall reap in heav'nly joy,
and the fears that now annoy

shall be laughter on the morrow.
Christ, I suffer here with thee;
there, O share thy joy with me.

Let us also die with Jesus;
his death from the second death,
from our soul's destruction, frees us,
quickens us with life's glad breath.
Let us mortify, while living,
flesh and blood and die to sin,
and the grave that shuts us in
shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here I die to thee,
there to live eternally.

Let us gladly live with Jesus;
since he's risen from the dead,
death and grave must soon release us.
Jesus, thou art now our head.
We are truly thine own members,
where thou livest, there live we;
take and own us constantly,
faithful Friend, as thy dear brethren.
Jesus, here I live to thee,
also there eternally.

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(Stand)

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION

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)

ABSOLUTION

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.

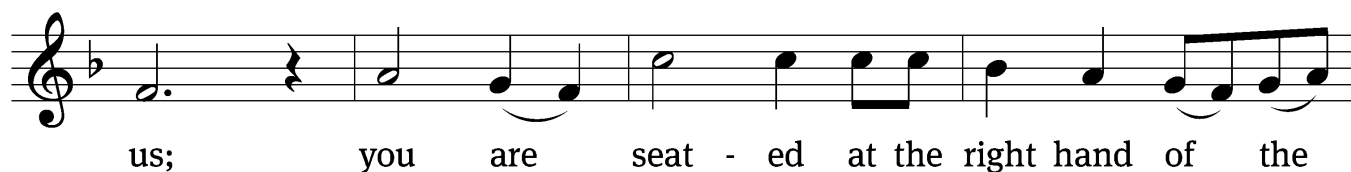
Lord, have mercy.

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.

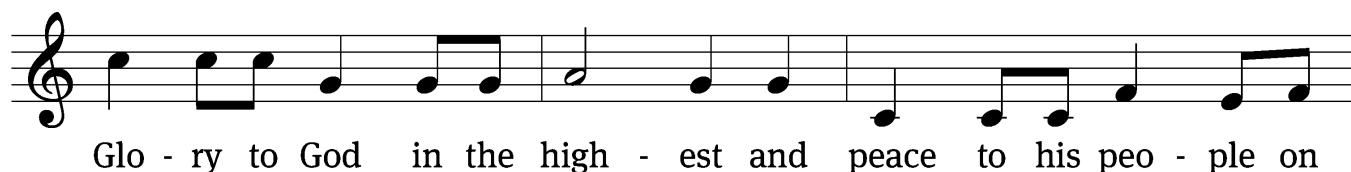
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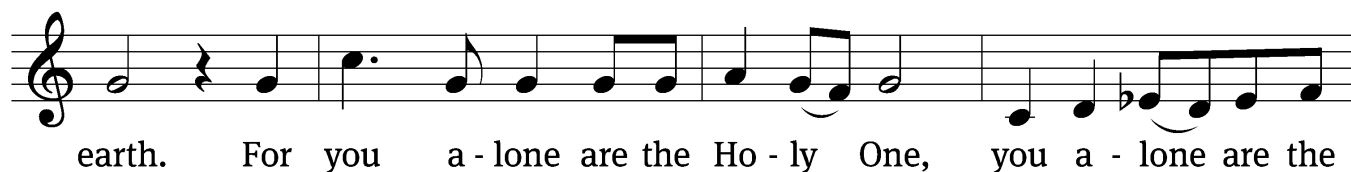
us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on



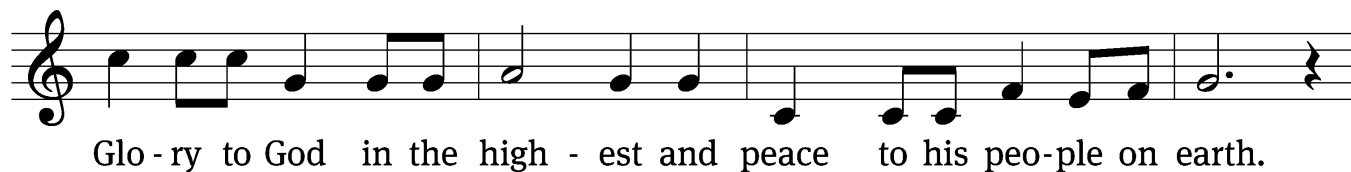
earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



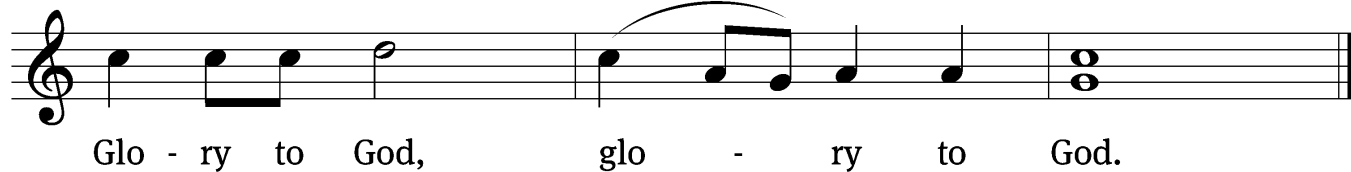
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,



with the Ho - ly Spir-it in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God.

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SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; 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: EXODUS 32:15–29

Exodus 32:15–29

Christians love God more than public opinion.

¹⁵Moses turned and went down the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands. They were inscribed on both sides, front and back. ¹⁶The tablets were the work of God; the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets.

¹⁷When Joshua heard the noise of the people shouting, he said to Moses, “There is the sound of war in the camp.”

¹⁸Moses replied:

“It is not the sound of victory,
it is not the sound of defeat;
it is the sound of singing that I hear.”

¹⁹When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, his anger burned and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain. ²⁰And he took the calf the people had made and burned it in the fire; then he ground it to powder, scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it.

²¹He said to Aaron, “What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?”

²²“Do not be angry, my lord,” Aaron answered. “You know how prone these people are to evil. ²³They said to me, ‘Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we

don't know what has happened to him.' ²⁴So I told them, 'Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.' Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!"

²⁵Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughingstock to their enemies.

²⁶So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, "Whoever is for the LORD, come to me." And all the Levites rallied to him.

²⁷Then he said to them, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth through the camp from one end to the other, each killing his brother and friend and neighbor.' " ²⁸The Levites did as Moses commanded, and that day about three thousand of the people died. ²⁹Then Moses said, "You have been set apart to the LORD today, for you were against your own sons and brothers, and he has blessed you this day."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY: THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION

Psalm 27C

Refrain

The LORD is my light and my sal - va - tion— of
whom shall I be a - fraid, of whom shall I be a - fraid?

Tone

Hear my voice when I / call, LORD;
be merciful to me and / answer me.
Do not hide your / face from me,
do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my / helper.
Do not reject me or for- / sake me,
God my / Savior. *Refrain*

Though my father and mother for- / sake me,
the LORD will re- / ceive me.
I remain confi- / dent of this:
I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the / living.
Wait / for the LORD;
be strong and take heart and wait / for the LORD.
**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: 1 TIMOTHY 6:11–16

1 Timothy 6:11–16

Christians love God more than they love their leaders.

¹¹But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - SETTING 4 *Mark 8:34*

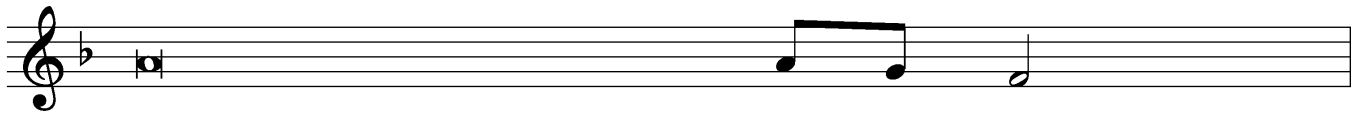


Refrain



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Tone



Whoever wants to be my disciple must de - ny them - selves



Refrain

and take up their cross and fol - low me.

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GOSPEL: MATTHEW 10:34–42

Matthew 10:34–42

Christians love God more than friends and family.

³⁴“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to turn

“ ‘a man against his father,
a daughter against her mother,
a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—

³⁶a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’

³⁷“Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰“Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever

welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴²And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY: COME, FOLLOW ME, THE SAVIOR SPAKE CW 702

"Come, follow me," the Savior spake,
"all in my way abiding;
deny yourselves, the world forsake,
obey my call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate'er betide,
take my example for your guide.

"I am the light, I light the way,
a godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day,
I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show
how you must sojourn here below.

"I teach you how to shun and flee
what harms your soul's salvation,
your heart from ev'ry guile to free,
from sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul
and lead you to your heav'nly goal."

Then let us follow Christ our Lord
and take the cross appointed
and, firmly clinging to his Word,
in suff'ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle's strain
the crown of heav'nly life obtain.

SERMON: Matthew 10:34-42

WHY DID JESUS COME?

1. Jesus came to bring a sword not peace.
2. Jesus came to offer a cross not comfort.
3. Jesus came to offer a heavenly not an earthly reward.

(Stand)

NICENE CREED

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.

(Be seated)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING 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.

(Stand)

PREFACE

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might.



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -

na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

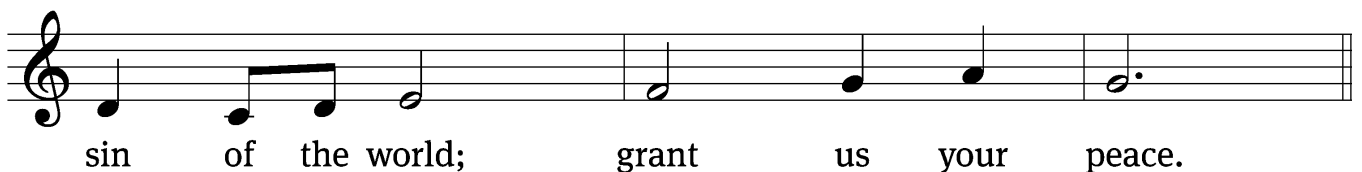
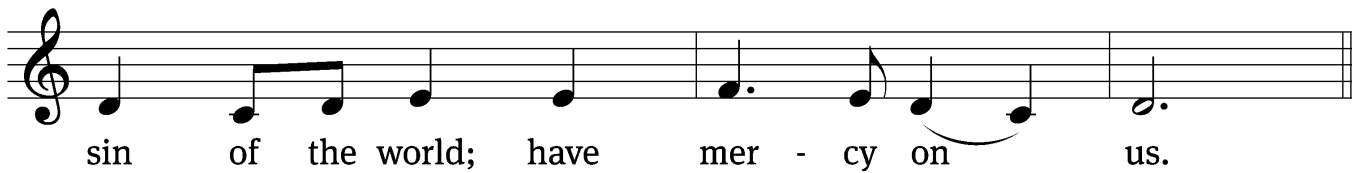
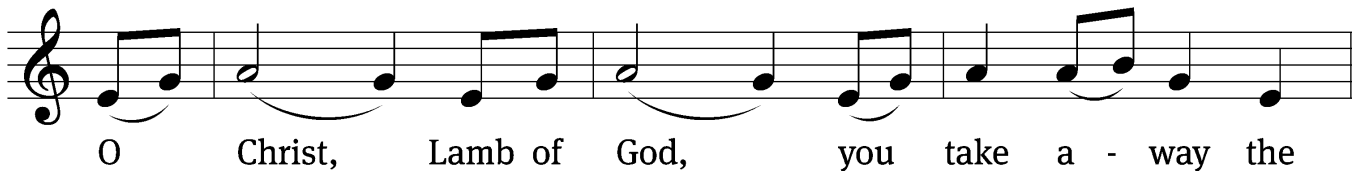
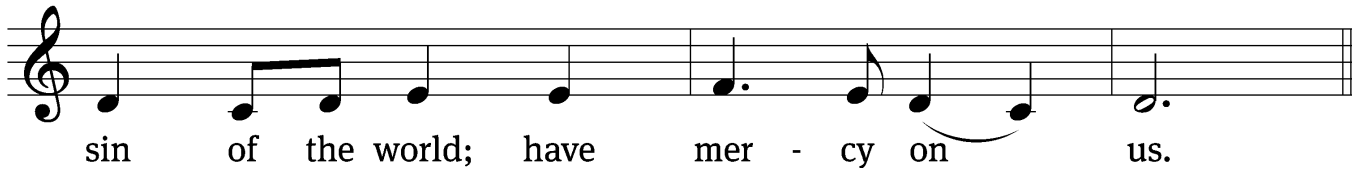
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

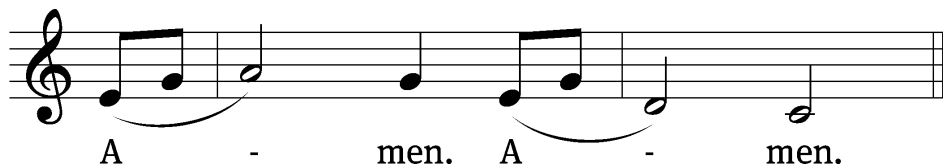
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The peace of the Lord be with you always. Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD





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(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: JESUS CALLS US O'ER THE TUMULT CW 711

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his voice invites us,
saying, "Christian, follow me!"

As the first disciples heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
“Christian, love me more than these.”

Jesus calls us! In your mercy,
Savior, help us hear your call;
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all!

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(Stand)

THANKSGIVING, PROCLAMATION, & PRAYER

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

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: GOD BLESS OUR NATIVE LAND

CW 774

God bless our native land;
firm may she ever stand
thro’ storm and night!

When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
do thou our country save
by thy great might.

For her our prayers shall rise
to God above the skies;
on him we wait.

Thou who art ever nigh,
guarding with watchful eye,
to thee aloud we cry:

God save the state!

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ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP SHEETS... You may sign up to donate altar bouquets in the altar flower binder in the narthex. The bouquets are \$35. Enclose payment in a pink envelope (checks payable to Grace Ladies Aid) and place in the collection plate.

Worship attendance: 8:00 AM – 106; 10:30 AM – 163
Sunday School attendance: Adults – 78; Teens – Children –
Senior ushers – 8:00 AM: John Floerke/Bruce Rademacher
10:30 AM Alan Borchardt/Dean Rovey
Organist: Michael Wilde

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(Home)

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE:

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

TUE - Independence Day – Office Closed

WED - ABC: Adult Breakfast & Coffee, 8:30 AM

THU - AZCA Early Childhood Conference at Grace

FRI - AZCA Early Childhood Conference at Grace

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

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. *Forward in Christ* and July 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 July 8th will be captained by Shawna Tech with Amanda and Rene Brugman, Jessica Cutlip, Krista McDowell, and Larry White.

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.

CHURCH OFFICE – Do you have a church question and want to call our church secretary Alice Thiesfeldt? Then you remember Alice retired at the end of May, so you wonder who you should call now. Wonder no more! Call Monica! Monica Assaker has been our School Office Manager

since 2021, but Monica will also be happy to answer all your church-related questions or refer you to the best person to ask. Call Monica at 623-937-2010 and dial 0.

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

REGISTRATION FOR THE CHURCH CAMPOUT IS OPEN: Register on the signup sheet in the narthex. The campout will be July 21st – 23rd at Canyon Point Campground on the Mogollon Rim. Escape the heat and enjoy opportunities for fellowship with your fellow members. The cost is \$40 for families of 2 or more / \$20 for individuals. Space is limited to 50 campers, so register soon. See Chris Kallies or Alex Janosek with questions.

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 Palmyra 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 the 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: **\$4,165** as of June 25)

DONATE FROM YOUR SMARTPHONE! 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 **\$947,507.00** by **6/30/2023**.

Week ending 6/25/2023:

Weekly Need:	16,200.00		YTD Need:	946,400.00
Weekly Actual:	13,625.85		YTD Actual:	850,626.63
Weekly +/-:	-2,574.15		YTD +/-:	-95,773.37