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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

HYMN: OPEN, LOVELY DOORS

CW 912

Open, lovely doors, and let me
come into God's house today!
This is where great joys beset me
more than I can sing or say.
Here I view God's glorious face,
see his light, receive his grace.

With a song I've come to greet you;
come to me, dear Lord, I pray.
Where you let your people meet you
heaven's light is bright as day.
Let my heart your heaven be;
Savior, make your home in me.

You deserve my deepest rev'rence;
sanctify me through and through.
Let my worship in your presence
clearly show my love for you.

Lord of mercy, hear my cry:
lift my heart to you on high!

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(Stand)

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)

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.

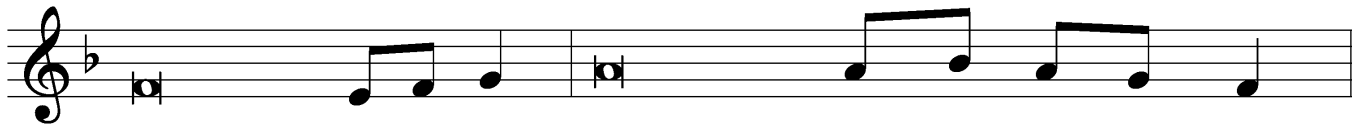
Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH

CW 157



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



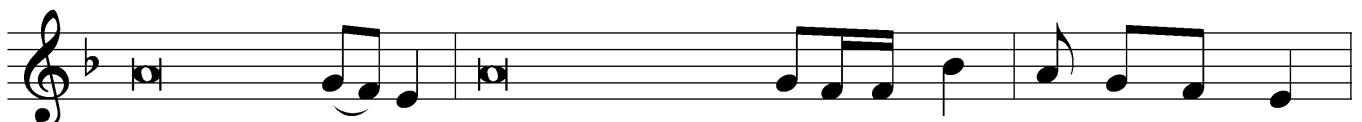
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



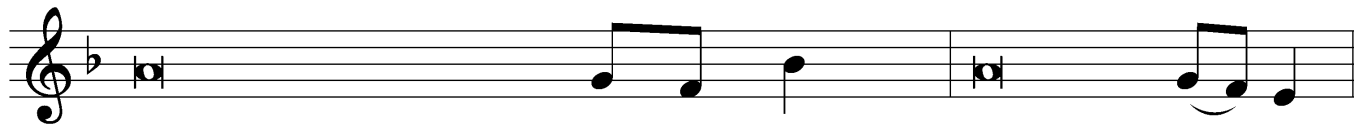
God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



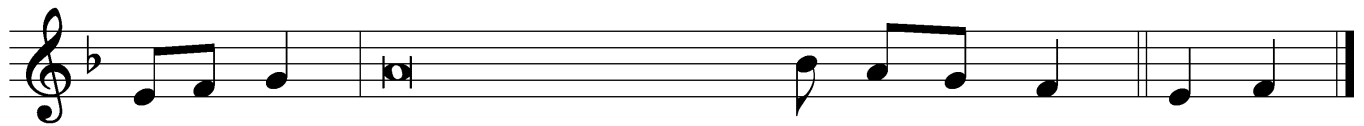
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since you have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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: ISAIAH 55:6–11 **God's Word is like water.**

Isaiah 55:6–11

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.

⁷Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

⁸“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,”
declares the LORD.

⁹“As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,

¹¹so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY: EVERY HEART ITS TRIBUTE PAYS *Psalm 65B*

Ev'ry heart its tribute pays,
ev'ry tongue its song of praise;
sin and sorrow, guilt and care,
brought to him who answers prayer;
there by grace may humankind
full and free forgiveness find;
called and chosen, loved and blest,
in his presence be at rest.

Ever while his deeds endure
our salvation stands secure;
he whose fingers spun the earth,
gave the seas and mountains birth,
tamed the ocean, formed the land,
spread the skies with mighty hand:

faroff shores revere his name,
day and night his pow'r proclaim.

Year by year, the seasons' round
sees the land with blessing crowned,
where caressed by sun and rain
barren earth gives life again;
sunlit valleys burn with gold,
nature smiles on field and fold,
gifts of God in plenty poured:
all things living, praise the Lord!

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SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 3:5–11

1 Corinthians 3:5–11

God's servants are like farmers.

⁵What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. ⁶I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. ⁹For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

¹⁰By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. ¹¹For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - SETTING 1 *Isaiah*

55:11

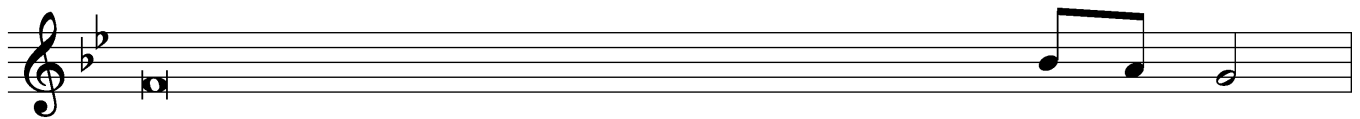


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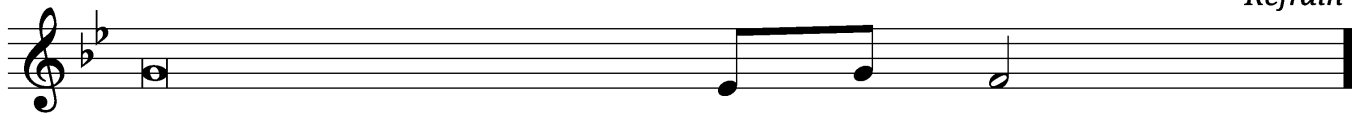
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Tone



My word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I de - sire

Refrain



and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

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GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:1–9,18–23

Matthew 13:1–9,18–23

God's harvest faces great opposition.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake.

²Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹Whoever has ears, let them hear."

¹⁸"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹But

since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ²²The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²³But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

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

(Be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY: ALMIGHTY GOD, YOUR WORD IS CAST CW 644

Almighty God, your Word is cast
like seed into the ground;
now let the dew of heav'n descend
and righteous fruits abound.

Let not the foe of Christ and man
this holy seed remove,
but give it root in ev'ry heart
to bring forth fruits of love.

Let not the world's deceitful cares
the rising plant destroy,
but let it yield a hundredfold
the fruits of peace and joy.

Whene'er the precious seed is sown,
life-giving grace bestow
that all whose souls the truth receive
its saving pow'r may know.

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What Does the Lord Want For Us With His Word?

- 1. He wants us to seek Him.*
- 2. He wants our faith to flourish.*

(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

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Special Intercessions

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

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

CW 165

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

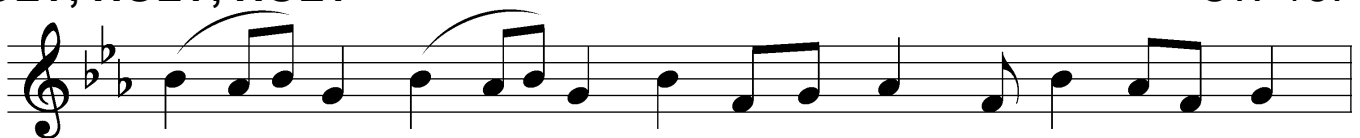
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

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 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

CW 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

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

**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

CW 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,
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.

(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: PREACH YOU THE WORD

CW 895

Preach you the Word and plant it home
to those who like or like it not,

the Word that shall endure and stand
when flow'rs and mortals are forgot.

We know how hard, O Lord, the task
your servant bids us undertake:
to preach your Word and never ask
what prideful profit it may make.

The sower sows; his reckless love
scatters abroad the goodly seed,
intent alone that there may be
the wholesome loaves that people need.

Though some be snatched and some be scorched
and some be choked and matted flat,
the sower sows; his heart cries out,
“Oh, what of that, and what of that?”

Of all his scattered plenteousness
one-fourth waves ripe on hill and flat,
and bears a harvest, hundredfold:
“Ah, what of that, Lord, what of that!”

Preach you the Word and plant it home
and never faint; the Harvest Lord
who gave the sower seed to sow
will watch and tend his planted Word.

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(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

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: ON WHAT HAS NOW BEEN SOWN

CW 925

On what has now been sown
your blessing, Lord, bestow;
the pow'r is yours alone
to make it spring and grow.
O Lord, in grace the harvest raise
and you alone shall have the praise!

To you our wants are known;
from you are all our pow'rs.
Accept what is your own
and pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive
and to your Word a blessing give.

O grant that each of us
now met before you here
may meet together thus
when you and yours appear
and follow you to heav'n, our home.
E'en so, Amen! Lord Jesus, come!

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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Worship attendance: 8:00a – 145; 10:30a – 126

Senior ushers – 8:00a: Nick Lincoln/Eoghan Hill 10:30a: Scott Gillespie/Todd Rovey

Organist: Jeff Wegner

HOSPITALIZED OR RECUPERATING AT HOME:

Darhleen Spangenberg

Karen Barber

Wally Wahlberg

Patrick Walker

Marty Hartmann

Sandra Lederer

THIS WEEK AT GRACE:

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

TUE - Church Council, 6:30p

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

FRI - Church Campout

SAT - Adrienne Siffring Memorial, 10:00a; Church Campout

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

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 22 will be captained by Alan and Wendy Sue Quamme, Hill Family, Don Jeffery, Everett Quamme, Debbie Mullineaux, Jayme Lowder

DIVINE CALL ACCEPTED...Pastor Clark has accepted the Divine Call to serve as the Discipleship pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Marana (Tucson), Arizona. His last Sunday at Grace will be August 27 with a farewell and celebration of his 40th anniversary in the ministry to follow. We hope you will make plans to attend.

SCRIPTURAL CARDS are available for purchase in the fellowship hall after the first service this morning. Greeting cards can be purchased individually or boxed.

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 for questions.

ART SUPPLY DONATIONS...The Grace Lutheran School art department is planning ahead and is looking for donations. Items such as newspapers, old vinyl records, plastic or glass yogurt cups (clean), food container lids, plastic rectangular tablecloths, and old T-shirts are desired. Please place all donations in the box marked Grace Art, at the back of the fellowship hall. Should you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Amber Bode at abode@graceglendale.org. Thank you

GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S BAND/STRINGS PROGRAM... is seeking instrument donations. Contact Rachel Kulhanek at 608-381-7370 if you have any unused instruments around!

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

Week ending 7/9/2023:

YTD 7/1/2023 thru 7/9/2023:

Weekly Need:	\$17,000.00
Weekly Actual:	\$14,104.50
Weekly +/-:	\$-2,895.50

YTD Need:	\$36,500.00
YTD Actual:	\$23,853.50
YTD +/-:	\$-12,646.50