

The Christian Seeks Spiritual Wealth

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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. 188, Setting 3

HYMN: O WORSHIP THE KING

CW 620

O worship the King, all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love,
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy, space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

This earth, with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old,
established it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,

it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!

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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)

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

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.

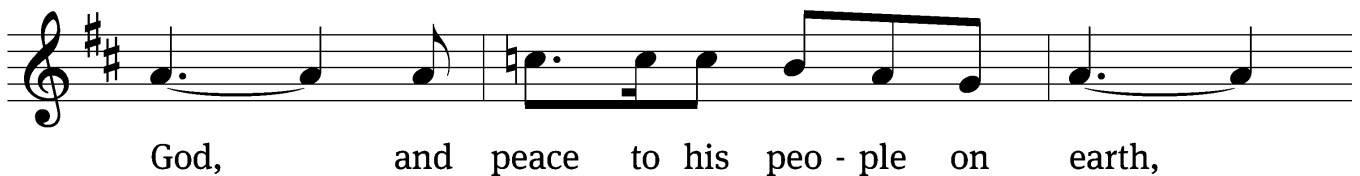
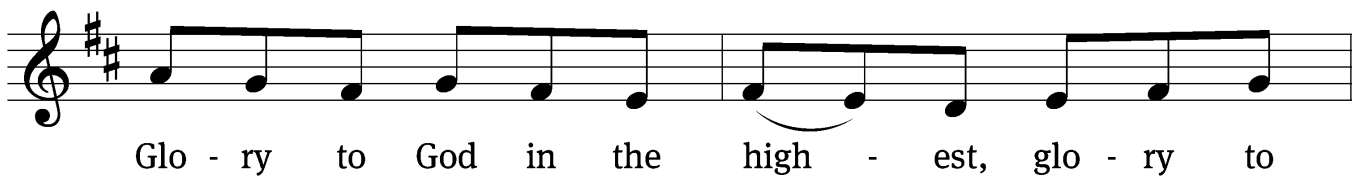
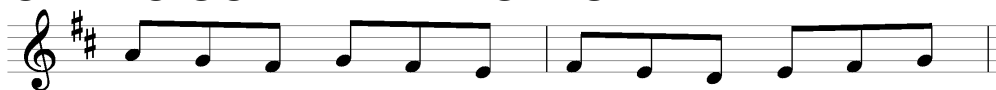
Lord, have mercy.


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

Amen.

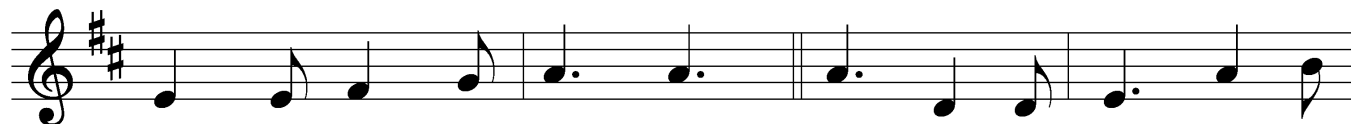
GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

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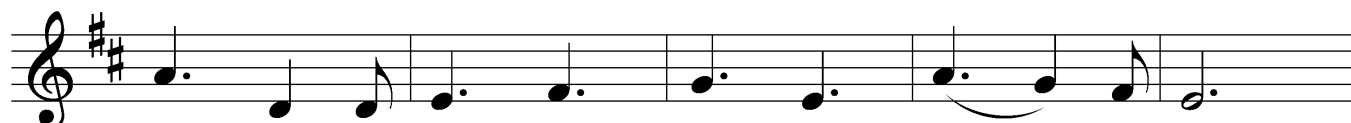




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praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly




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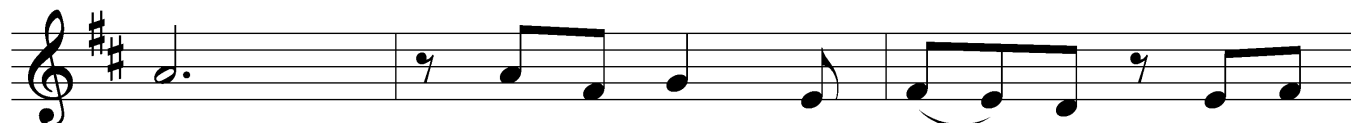
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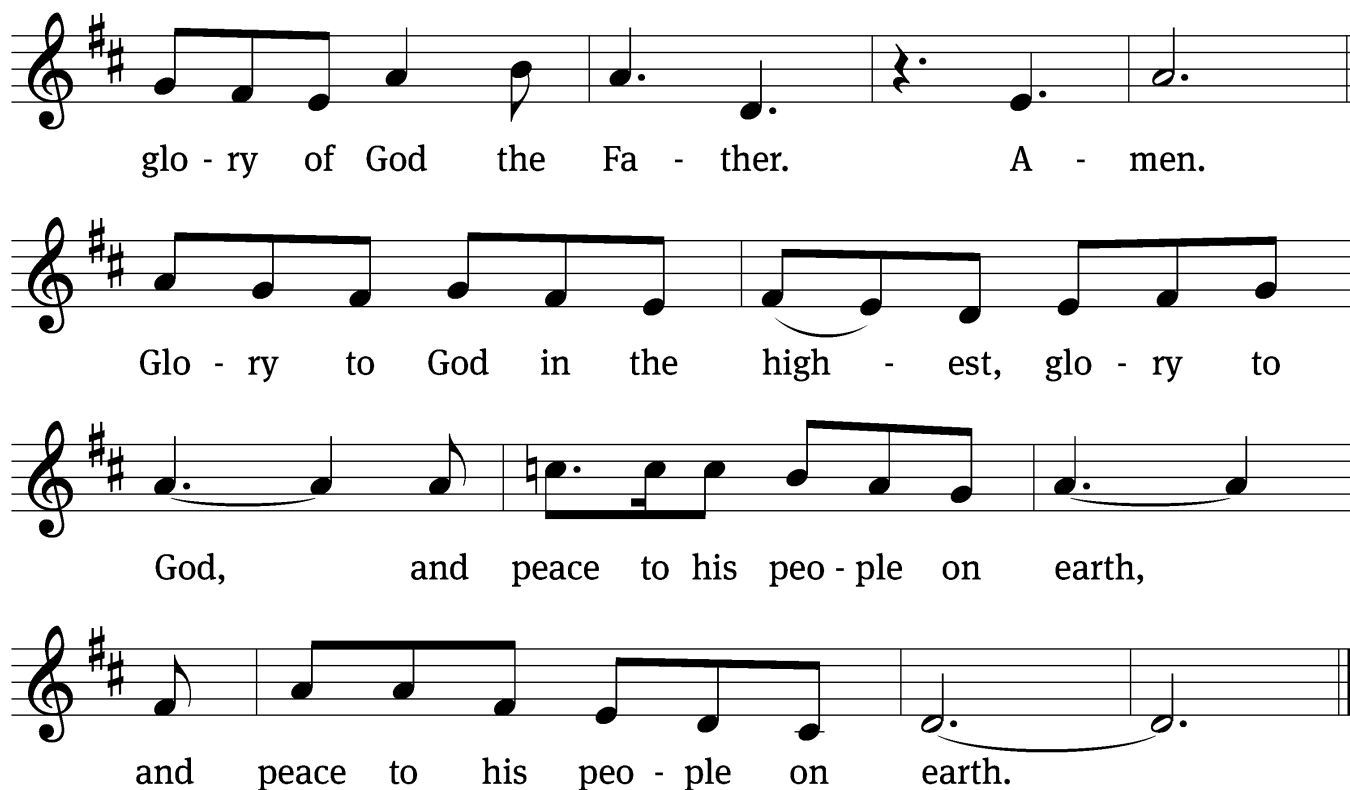
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Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus



Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the



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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 12 (YEAR A)

Let us pray.

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; 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: 1 KINGS 3:5–12

1 Kings 3:5–12

King Solomon asks for a discerning heart.

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.”

⁶Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

⁷“Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. ⁸Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”

¹⁰The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹²I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY: IN THE MORNING I WILL SING

Psalm 63A

In the morning I will sing,
I will sing glad songs to you,
I will sing glad songs of praise to you.
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O God, you are my God; for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory. (Refrain)

For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.
So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (Refrain)

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night,
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. (Refrain)

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SECOND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 6:17–21

1 Timothy 6:17–21

Worldly Wealth is so uncertain.

¹⁷Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

¹⁸Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

²⁰Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, ²¹which some have professed and in so doing have departed from the faith.

Grace be with you all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

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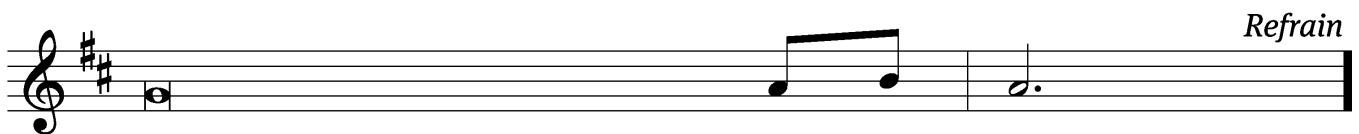
Colossians 3:1,2



Refrain



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set your minds on things above, not on earth - ly things.

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GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:44–52

Matthew 13:44–52

Three parables that describe what the kingdom of heaven is like.

⁴⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the

righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked.

“Yes,” they replied.

⁵²He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

**HYMN OF THE DAY: YOUR KINGDOM, O GOD, IS MY GLORIOUS
TREASURE**

CW 859

Your kingdom, O God, is my glorious treasure,
my pearl of incomp'able worth.

Its value exceeds ev'ry standard of measure,
surpassing the wealth of the earth.

Lord, give me your grace and the pow'r of the Spirit
to value this treasure aright

that, never allured by the world, I inherit
your kingdom of glory and light.

Your kingdom, O God, is alive with the power
your Word and your Spirit bestow.

Like yeast, they affect the whole measure of flour,
enabling your kingdom to grow.

Empower me, Lord, as I live your commission,
though humble my service may be,
and bring ev'ry planting to perfect fruition,
a mustard seed grown to a tree.

Your kingdom, O God, is a field for the growing
of seeds that your mercy has sown;

but still in our midst is the enemy sowing
the weeds that imperil your own.

Sustain me, O Lord, till your day of returning

and harvest me homeward at last,
to shine in the homeland that quiets all yearning,
where sorrow and danger are past.

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SERMON

Matthew 13:44-52

Christians Value What Christ Values

1. Every soul is a treasure.
2. Let down the gospel net for all kinds of people.

(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.

OFFERINGS OF LOVE TO OUR LORD

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

HYMN: GLORIOUS THINGS OF YOU ARE SPOKEN

CW 857

Glorious things of you are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed you for his own abode.

On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
you may smile at all your foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply your sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a cov'ring,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner
light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which God gives them on their way.

Savior, since of Zion's city
I thro' grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in your name.
Fading are the world's vain pleasures,
all their boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.

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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: REJOICE, MY HEART, BE GLAD AND SING

CW 827

Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing,
a cheerful trust maintain;
for God, the source of ev'rything,
your treasure shall remain.
Why spend the day in blank despair,
in restless thought the night?
On your Creator cast your care;
he makes your burdens light.

Did not his love and truth and pow'r
guard ev'ry childhood day?
And did he not in threat'ning hour
turn dreaded ills away?
He always will with patience chide,
his rod falls gently down;
and all your sins he casts aside
in ocean depths to drown.

His wisdom never plans in vain
nor falters nor mistakes;
all that his counsels may ordain
a blessèd ending makes.
Upon your lips, then, lay your hand,

and trust his guiding love;
then like a rock your peace shall stand
here and in heav'n above.

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Worship attendance: 8:00 AM – 118 10:30 AM – 127

Sunday School attendance: Adults – 90; Children – NO Sunday School

Senior ushers – 8:00 AM: Bruce Rademacher

10:30 AM: Jerry Rovey/Owen Jacobson

Pianist: Michael Wilde

HOSPITALIZED OR RECUPERATING AT HOME:

Darhleen Spangenberg

Karen Barber

Wally Wahlberg

Marty Hartmann

Sandra Lederer

THIS WEEK AT GRACE:

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

MON - WELS Convention, Saginaw, MI: M-TH

THU - Elders 3PM; School Board, 6:30PM

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

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 August 5 will be Marlin and Arleen Bodenstedt, David Eaton, John Eaton, and Karen Hutchison.



WELS YOUTH NIGHT is Saturday, August 26, 6-9p at Cross of Glory Lutheran Church. Our keynote speaker is Dr. Joel Hahnke. He will speak with the teens about gender identity and God's Word. Watch for more information to come!



CALLING ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS... Please make sure to register through WELS Campus Ministry before classes start. Doing so, allows the synod to serve you while you are gone and gives you access to free Meditations and Forward in Christ. Blessings on your year!



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



2023 ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP SHEETS... You may sign up to donate altar bouquets for 2023 in the Altar Flower binder in the narthex. Altar bouquets cost \$35 each. Enclose payment in a pink envelope (make checks payable to Grace Ladies Aid).



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



ABC – ADULT BREAKFAST AND COFFEE GROUP will not meet in August. We will resume our breakfast schedule on the first Wednesday of September.



GRACE ADULT CHOIR will resume practice starting Monday, August 7th at 7 pm in the sanctuary. We look forward to welcoming veterans as well as new members to our ranks as we begin preparing music for upcoming services. Please feel free to speak to any choir members if you have any questions.



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.



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FINANCIAL UPDATE: Need amounts are based on a goal of \$947,436.00 by 6/30/2024.

Week ending 5/28/2023:

Weekly Need:	16,200.00		YTD Need:	69,700.00
Weekly Actual:	15,099.26		YTD Actual:	48,568.11
Weekly +/-:	-1,100.74		YTD +/-:	-21,131.89