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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

OPENING HYMN: I Sing the Mighty Power of God,
(Go Forth and Preach the Gospel)

1) *Congregation*

I sing the mighty pow'r of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command and all the stars obey.

2) *Choir*

3) *Congregation and Choir*

Go forth and preach the Gospel, go spread the news abroad!
Proclaim to every nation the greatness of our God.
The Spirit is upon us, that all may understand
The promise of salvation revealed to every land.

Please stand.

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

DIALOG OF PRAISE

SONGS OF PRAISE FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people. *Luke 1:68*

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all on whom his favor rests. *Luke 2:14*

He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. *Luke 1:51-53*

Our eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to his people Israel. *Luke 2:30-32*

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death -- even death on a cross!

Philippians 2:6-8

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.

Revelation 7:10

God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *Philippians 2:9-11*

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise! *Revelation 5:12*

Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the ages. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed. *Revelation 15:3*

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! To him be the glory forever! *Romans 11:33*

HYMN OF THE LITURGY:.....#522, Beautiful Savior
*Stanza 1, All; Stanza 2, Choir w/ called workers and their families;
Stanza 3, All A Capella; Stanza 4, All*

- 1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

- 2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

- 3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

- 4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration
now and forevermore be thine!

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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: The name of the LORD IS the only name by which we may be saved. Exodus 34:5-9. (NIV) ⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD. ⁶ And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, ⁷ maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.” ⁸ Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshiped. ⁹ “Lord,” he said, “if I have found favor in your eyes, then let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Choir & Congregation:.....Psalm 130G, I Will Wait for You
*Congregation sings the words **in bold**.*

LORD, from the depths I call to you;
Lord, hear me from on high
and give attention to my voice
when I for mercy cry.

**Lord, in your presence who can stand,
if you our sins record?
But yet forgiveness is with you,
that we may fear you, Lord.**

Out of the depths I cry to you,
in darkest places I will call;
incline your ear to me anew,
and hear my cry for mercy, Lord.

Were you to count my sinful ways,
how could I come before your throne?

Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze;
I stand redeemed by grace alone. (Chorus)

Chorus

I will wait for you, I will wait for you;
on your word, I will rely.
I will wait for you, surely wait for you,
till my soul is satisfied.

So put your hope in God alone;
take courage in his pow'r to save—
completely and forever won
by Christ emerging from the grave. (Chorus)

Now he has come to make a way,
and God himself has paid the price,
that all who trust in him today
find healing in his sacrifice. (Final Chorus)

Final Chorus

I will wait for you, I will wait for you;
through the storm and through the night.
I will wait for you, surely wait for you,
for your love is my delight. (Outro)

**I wait—my soul waits—for the Lord;
my hope is in his word.
More than the watchman waits for dawn
my soul waits for the Lord.**

O Israel, put your hope in God,
for mercy is with him
and full redemption. From their sins
his people he'll redeem.

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SECOND READING: Jesus is the only way by which we may be saved.

Romans 10:5-13 (NIV) ⁵ Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: “The person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹ If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CW 161



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone *Refrain*

Your words are my joy and my heart's de - light.

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GOSPEL: As believers we proclaim Jesus, the Son of the living God.

Matthew 16:13-20. (NIV) ¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

Please be seated.

HYMN:#767, Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

SERMON: Ephesians 3:7-8

⁷ I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God’s grace given me through the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am less than the least of all the Lord’s people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ

THIS IS GOD’S GRACE!

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:

Eternal Father, ever-living and everlasting Lord, in Christ Jesus you call us your children and invite us to bring our prayers to you with the steady trust that you will answer them.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

We praise you and give you our thanks for calling men into the public ministry of the gospel despite their frailties and weaknesses, and for pouring out your blessings on them.

To you we give thanks.

Give them hearts of faith through Baptism and strengthened them with your Word and Holy Communion. Empower them to rely on your grace and guidance, instilled in them a deep love for your Scriptures, and endowed them with a compassion for the lost and a commitment to his labor. With these gifts you granted victories for your gospel and blessings to your Church.

To you be the praise.

Now we pray that you would continue to use your servants according to your will and ways. Protect them from trouble, keep their families under the shadow of your wings, and give them joy as they pursue the labor of each

day. When the task is hard and the warfare long, let them hear the distant triumph song. May that be the song to which they walk on the path to heaven.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

Special intercessions.

Raise up, O Lord, from the ranks of your Church, another generation of men who are willing and eager to carry the torch of your gospel into the world. With the proclamation of that message of grace, bring into your fold many more souls.

Amen

OFFERINGS OF LOVE TO OUR LORD

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

HYMN:.....#847, Be Still My Soul

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul; your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past;
your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he lived below.

Be still, my soul; when dearest friends depart
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then you will better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay
from his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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Please 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:

Amen.

Please be seated.

CLOSING HYMN: #581, Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose You

Lord, 'tis not that I did choose you;
that, I know, could never be,
for this heart would still refuse you
had your grace not chosen me.
You removed the sin that stained me,
cleansing me to be your own;
for this purpose you ordained me,
that I live for you alone.

It was grace in Christ that called me,
taught my darkened heart and mind;
else the world had yet enthralled me,

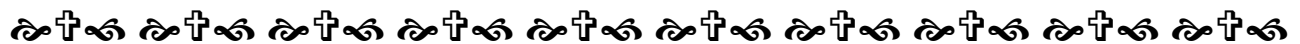
to your heav'nly glories blind.
Now I worship none above you;
for your grace alone I thirst,
knowing well that, if I love you,
you, O Father, loved me first.

Praise the God of all creation,
praise the Father's boundless love.
Praise the Lamb, our expiation,
Priest and King enthroned above.
Praise the Spirit of salvation,
him by whom our spirits live.
Undivided adoration
to the great Jehovah give.

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ALTAR FLOWERS were donated by the congregation of Grace in honor of Pastor Clark's 40 years in the service of our Lord and by Kevin and Diane Roever in memory of her father, Wally Wahlberg.

Worship attendance: 8:00 AM – 143 / 10:30 AM – 151
Communion attendance: 8:00 AM – 105 / 10:30 AM – 105
Sunday School attendance: Adults – 85 / Children – 9
Senior ushers - 8:00 AM: Nick Lincoln
10:30 AM: Scott Gillespie / Owen Jacobson
Organist: Jeff Wegner

HOSPITALIZED OR RECUPERATING AT HOME:

Sandra Lederer – Goldwater Asst. Living, 24215 N 55th Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85310

Vern Busby – St. Joseph’s Hospital, 350 W Thomas Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85013

THIS WEEK AT GRACE:

SUN - **Worship, 8:00 & 10:30 AM**; Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30AM;
Pastor Clark’s 40th Anniversary and Farewell Dinner, 12:00 PM

MON - Handbells, 6:15PM, Choir, 7:00 PM

TUES - Newsletter Assembly, 9:00 AM

THU - Call Meeting, 6:30 PM

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

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. *Forward in Christ* and August 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 September 2 will be captained by Janet Brussman and include George Bivens, Brenda Hepper, Brian Klingener, Veneva Lincoln, Aaron Nielson, Rosie Ortiz, and Alice & Melina Thiesfeldt.

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

THANK YOU! We appreciate the work of all the musicians who glorified God today and made this service outstanding. A special thank you to the following people who organized and helped carry out today’s event: Debbie Petersen, Don Petersen, Jay Bartley, Pauletta Bartley, Jon Scheel, Brenda Hepper, Pat Koch, Bonnie Clark, all the individuals serving in the kitchen, and the clean-up crew.

40th ANNIVERSARY IN MINISTRY...Today we will recognize a special milestone for Pastor Clark, who has been blessed with 40 years in the public ministry, including 32 years served here at Grace. A special celebration will follow today’s services with a dinner at noon and a program

to follow. We will also say farewell as he leaves for his next congregation in Tucson.

GRACE TRIP TO ISRAEL 2023 PICTURES, today. Pastor Clark will be showing pictures of the trip he led to Israel and Jordan last April. Join us during the Bible Class time in the church to view the presentation.

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) and drop in the collection plate.

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.

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

Week ending 8/20/2023:

Weekly Need:	17,000.00		YTD Need:	138,200.00
Weekly Actual:	15,619.25		YTD Actual:	106,895.53
Weekly +/-:	-1,380.75		YTD +/-:	-31,304.47

Pastor David R. Clark

Pastor David R. Clark was born in Detroit, Michigan, the oldest of six children with five younger sisters. He was confirmed at Lola Park Lutheran

Church by Rev. Edward G. Zell, who encouraged him to attend Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw, Michigan. He is a graduate of Northwestern College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. In August 1981, shortly after he married Bonnie Ebert, he began his vicar year at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin. In May 1983, he was assigned to exploratory work and serve a mission congregation called Risen Savior in Austin, Texas. He was ordained in Austin on July 10, 1983.

Pastor Clark served Risen Savior from 1983 to 1990. For a short time, he served Messiah Lutheran Church near Los Alamos, New Mexico. In August 1991, he accepted the call to Grace Lutheran Church in Glendale and was installed as Grace's fifth pastor on September 8, 1991. In July 2023, he accepted the call to serve as discipleship pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Marana, Arizona.

During his time in Texas and Arizona, Pastor Clark pursued additional studies at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. In May 2004, he earned a Masters of Sacred Theology degree, with an emphasis in systematic theology (doctrine). He has written many Bible classes, including two published by Northwestern Publishing House: *Hebrews 11: Heroes of Faith* and *Living My Life as a Christian*, a follow-up class to Bible Information Class. He also developed a new format for adult instruction, *I Believe*, also called "Super Saturdays," which has been used by several congregations across the Synod. In addition, Pastor Clark has led seven advanced Bible study trips to Greece, Israel, Turkey, and Germany, giving participants a chance to deepen their understanding of Scripture.

Pastor Clark currently serves as the first vice president of the Arizona-California District, a position he has held since 2014. Previously, he served as second vice president and secretary for the District. Pastor Clark has held many other leadership roles in the District including chairman of the District Adult Discipleship Committee, chairman of the Arizona Pastoral Conference, and served on the Board of Directors at Arizona Lutheran Academy (ALA).

Pastor and Bonnie are the parents of Leah, who is a graduate of Martin Luther College and has served as a teacher in our schools in Texas, Arkansas and most recently Marana, Arizona. Leah is married to Andrew Vagts, who teaches music theory at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, where Leah works as an administrative assistant in the music department.