

The church God wants is a church that takes up its cross



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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 need hearing assistance.*

THE SERVICE: p. 188, Setting 3

HYMN: 601 ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Serve him with joy, his praises tell,
come now before him and rejoice!

Know that the Lord is God indeed;
he formed us all without our aid.
We are the flock he comes to feed,
the sheep who by his hand were made.

O enter then his gates with joy,
within his courts his praise proclaim.
Let thankful songs your tongues employ,
O bless and magnify his name.

Trust that the Lord our God is good,
his mercy is forever sure.

His faithfulness at all times stood
and shall from age to age endure.

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(Stand)

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

CONFESSION

CW 188

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

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.

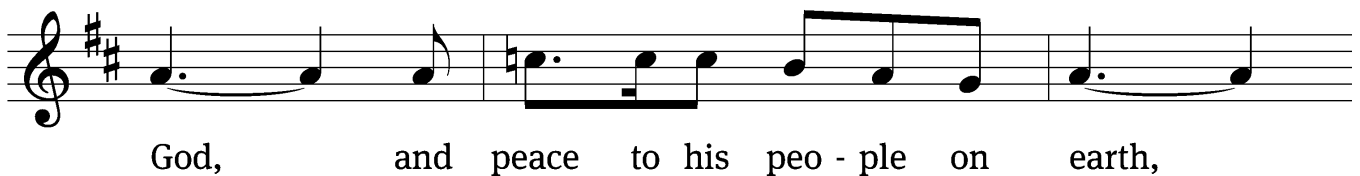
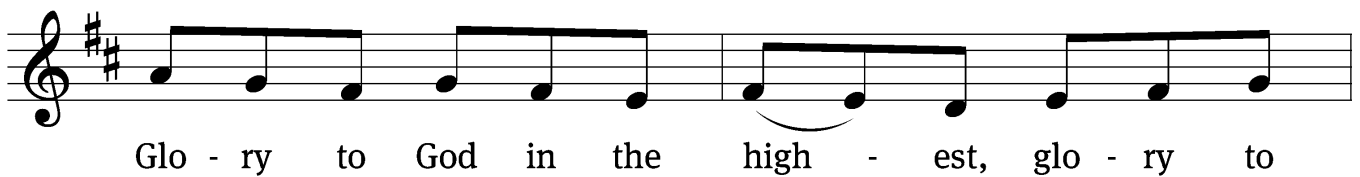
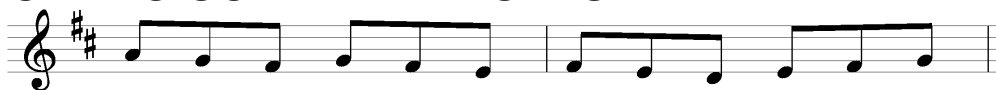
Lord, have mercy.


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

Amen.

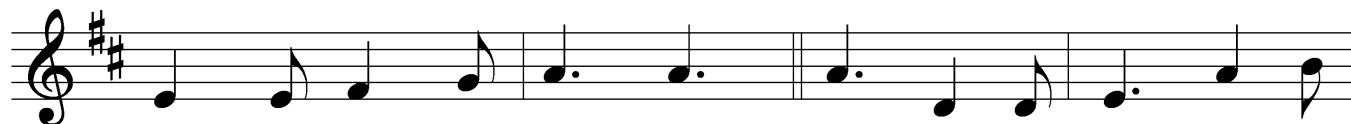
GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

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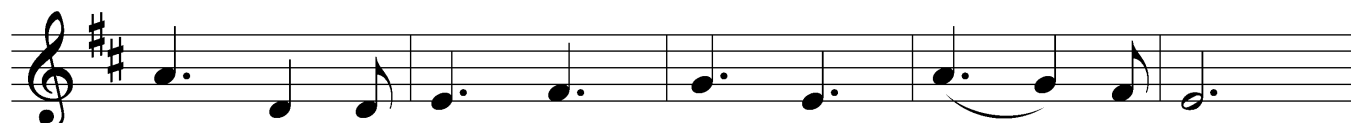




Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



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



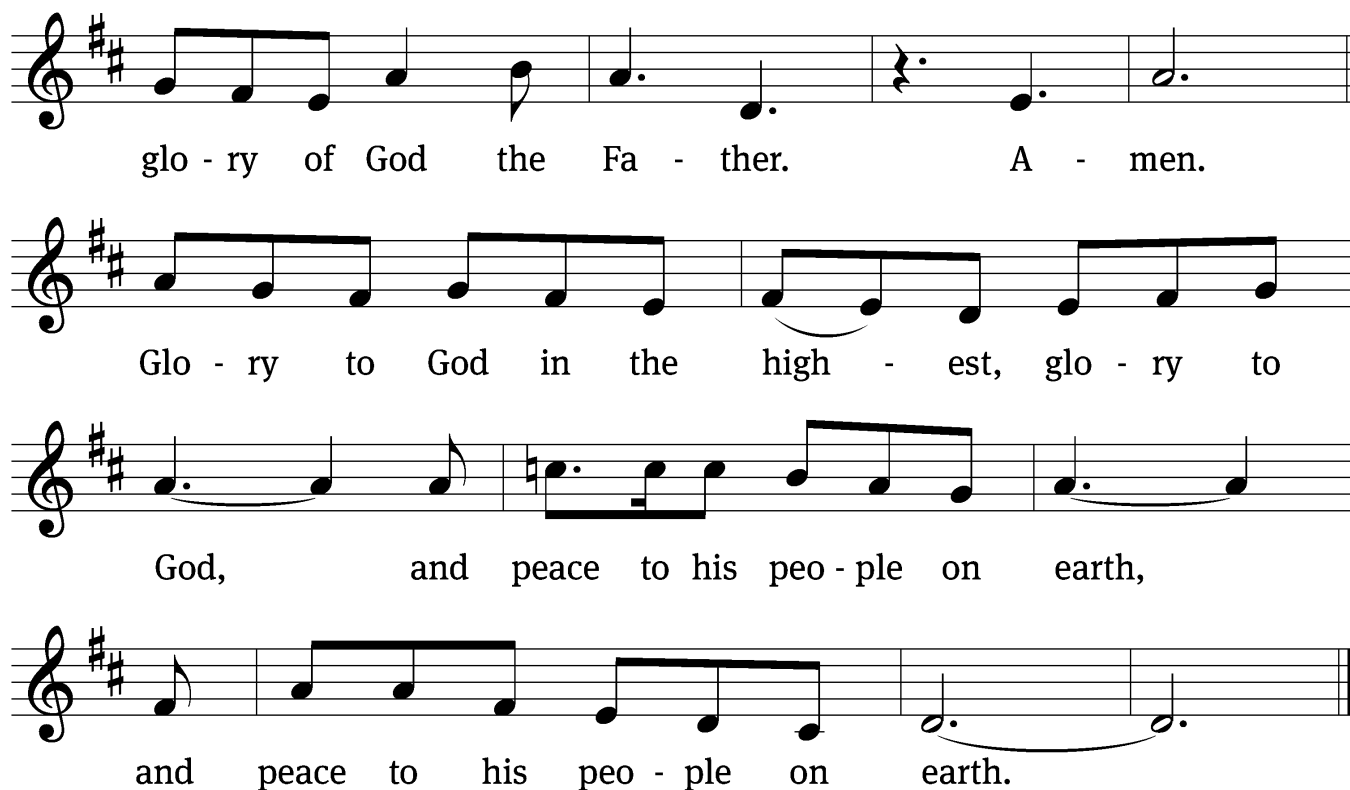
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Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus



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 17 (YEAR A)

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow him wherever he leads; 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 15:15–21

The Lord calls on Jeremiah to take up his cross.

Jeremiah 15:15–21

¹⁵LORD, you understand; remember me and care for me. Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering—do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake. ¹⁶When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, LORD God Almighty. ¹⁷I never sat in the company of revelers, never made merry with them; I sat alone because your hand was on me and you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and incurable? You are to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails. ¹⁹Therefore this is what the LORD says: "If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them. ²⁰I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you," declares the LORD. ²¹"I will save you from the hands of the wicked and deliver you from the grasp of the cruel."

ADULT CHOIR COME, FOLLOW ME! (ARR. JOHN CARTER) (C) 1996

8:00

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:18–25

Romans 8:18–25

The promise of liberation from our present sufferings.

¹⁸I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we

were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

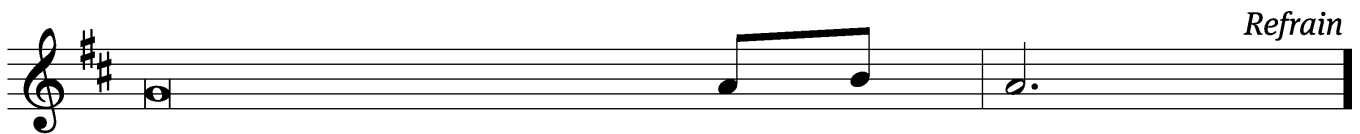
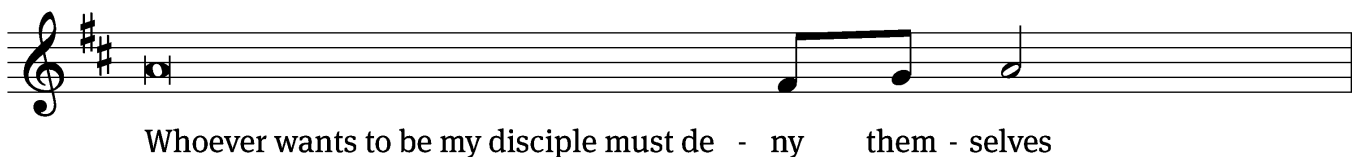
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8:34



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Refrain

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GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:21–26

Matthew 16:21–26

No disciple of Jesus is exempt from taking up their cross

²¹From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. ²²Peter took him aside and began to

rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"
²³Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." ²⁴Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

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

(Be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY: 694 JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN

Jesus, I my cross have taken,
all to leave and follow you;
destitute, despised, forsaken,
you on earth once suffered, too.
Perish ev'ry fond ambition,
all I've ever hoped or known;
yet how rich is my condition,
God and heav'n are still my own!

Let the world despise and leave me;
they have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
you are not, like them, untrue.
And, since you have smiled upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
foes may hate and friends may shun me;
show your face, and all is bright.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure!
Come, disaster, scorn, and pain!
In your service pain is pleasure,
with your favor loss is gain.

I have called you Abba, Father;
you my all in all shall be.
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather,
all must work for good to me.

Haste, my soul, from grace to glory,
armed by faith and winged by prayer;
all but heav'n is transitory,
God's own hand shall guide you there.
Soon shall end this earthly story,
swift shall pass the pilgrim days,
hope soon change to heav'nly glory,
faith to sight and prayer to praise.

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SERMON

THE CROSS IS THE KEY ...

1. ... For God's plan of salvation.
2. ... For our path of discipleship.

(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

(Stand)

PREFACE

CW 199

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.

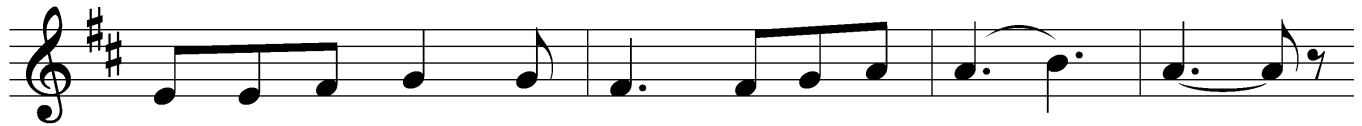
It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again 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 200



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,



heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to 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

LAMB OF GOD

CW 202



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; grant us, grant us peace.

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(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 831 WHY SHOULD CROSS AND TRIAL GRIEVE ME

Why should cross and trial grieve me?

Christ is near

with his cheer;

never will he leave me.

Who can rob me of the heaven

that God's Son

for me won

when his life was given?

When life's troubles rise to meet me,

though their weight

may be great,

they will not defeat me.

God, my loving Savior, sees them;

he who knows

all my woes

knows how best to end them.

God gives me my days of gladness,
and I will
trust him still
when he sends me sadness.
God is good; his love attends me
day by day,
come what may,
guides me and defends me.

From God's joy can nothing sever,
for I am
his dear lamb,
he, my Shepherd ever.
I am his because he gave me
his own blood
for my good,
by his death to save me.

Since I know God never fails me,
in his voice
I'll rejoice
when grim death assails me.
Trusting in my Savior's merit,
safe at last,
troubles past,
I shall heav'n inherit.

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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.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through 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: 529 IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY

In the cross of Christ I glory,
tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.

All the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me;
lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.

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Worship attendance: 8:00 AM – 147; 10:30 AM – 323

Senior ushers – 8:00 AM: Nick Lincoln Jon Floerke

10:30 AM: Alan Borchardt Dean Rovey Drew Oliphant

Organist: Michael Wilde

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

Maria Pitney – 10915 W Thunderbird Blvd, Sun City, AZ 85351
(Hospitalized in WA)

THIS WEEK AT GRACE:

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

MON- Labor Day- Offices Closed

TUE - Bible Class, 2p; Ladies Aid, 7p

WED- ABC Breakfast, 8:30a; Public School Confirmation Class, 6:30p,
Bible Class 7p

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

FRI- Bible Class, 10a

SAT- West Valley Campus Ministry @ Canyon Pizza Company on GCU
campus, 6p

SUN - Worship, 8 & 10:30a; 3rd Grade Bible Presentation; Bible Class &
Sunday School, 9:30a

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 September 2 will be captained by Janet Brussman with George Bivens, Brenda Hepper, Brian Klingener, Veneva Lincoln, Aaron Nielsen, Maria Ortiz, Alice Thiesfeldt, and Melina Thiesfeldt

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 (checks payable to Grace Ladies Aid) and drop in the collection plate.

2023 SCRIPTURAL GREETING CARDS are available for purchase in the fellowship hall after the first service this morning. Greeting cards can be purchased singly and by the box.

THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION ... All third graders are invited to receive a free Bible from the congregation as part of our worship service next Sunday. The 3rd-graders with a parent or guardian will come to the front of the church and receive encouragement and blessing on Bible reading and growing in faith.

DIVINE CALL...Grace has extended a Divine Call to Pastor Joel Heckendorf, who is currently serving at Light of the Valley, Lutheran Church in Reno, NV. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH...You may register for the Foundations of Faith (Bible Information Class) online at www.graceglendale.org or fill out a sheet and put it in the box in the narthex.

FULL SLATE OF FALL BIBLE CLASSES ... begins Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday. Look over the options below and choose at least one option:

Sunday Morning 9:30-10:15a: The Splendid Task of the Gospel Ministry *a study of the Apostle Paul's first and second letters to Timothy, the evangelist.*

Tuesday Afternoon 2-3p: Seek the Kingdom *a Bible study on an assortment of practical lessons on how we can live our Christian faith as we seek the kingdom.*

Wednesday Evening 7-8p: The Book of Malachi *study God's last call of repentance to his Old Testament people and be reminded of your need to be ready for the coming Savior.*

Friday Morning 10-11a: YOUR CHOICE *an assortment of different Bible lessons as directed by the members of the class.*

WEST VALLEY CAMPUS MINISTRY... meet and greet at Canyon Pizza Company on the Grand Canyon University campus, Saturday, September 9, 6p. Grand Canyon University has its fall semester of classes beginning on Tuesday. There are 70 WELS members registered through WELS.net/campus ministry as either attending Grand Canyon University or Glendale Community College. We also have 24 Grace members or former students of Grace Lutheran School who have registered for campus ministry.

A FAREWELL GIFT... In addition to the engraved plaque commissioned by Bonnie and presented to Pastor Clark commemorating 40 years in the public ministry, the congregation presented him with a gift card to purchase new stoles for his continued ministry at Redeemer and beyond as a farewell gift. Thank you for 32 years of service and best wishes in your continued ministry, Pastor Clark!

THANK YOU... Thank you for such a wonderful send-off and celebration of ministry. The gifts, cards, and well wishes were truly heartwarming. Whether you sang, played an instrument, ushered, served in the kitchen, participated in the program, cleaned up, or attended – we appreciate each of you. Most of all, we treasure the fellowship we have with you in Christ. The saints at Grace have always been and will continue to be in our prayers. God bless you until we see you again. – Pastor Clark and Bonnie
New Address: 7716 W Cathedral Canyon Dr., Tucson, AZ 85743 Email: pastorclark@redeemertucson.com

INSTALLATION... Pastor Clark will be installed as pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church on September 10 in a 4p worship service. The address of the church is 8845 N. Silverbell Road, Tucson, AZ 85743 You are invited to attend.

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

**YTD 7/1/2021 through
8/27/2023:**

Week ending 8/27/2023:

Weekly Need:	16,200.00		YTD Need:	154,400.00
Weekly Actual:	13,177.28		YTD Actual:	120,072.81
Weekly +/-:	-3,022.72		YTD +/-:	-34,327.19