

Tell Us A Story: A Story of Rejection

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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 need hearing assistance.*
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HYMN: 902 SPREAD ABROAD, O MIGHTY WORD

Spread abroad, O mighty Word,
telling of a gracious Lord
whose all-pow'rful gospel call
fills his heav'nly banquet hall.

Tell how God the Father's will
made the world, upholds it still,
how his only Son he gave
all from sin and death to save.

Tell of our Redeemer's love,
who forever does remove
by his holy sacrifice
all the guilt that on us lies.

Tell of God the Spirit giv'n
now to guide us on to heav'n,

strong and holy, just and true,
working both to will and do.

Spread abroad! Ripe fields of grain
all throughout the world remain,
but the reapers still are few;
great the work they have to do.

Lord of harvest, great and kind,
rouse to action heart and mind;
let the gath'ring nations all
see your light and heed your call.

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(Please 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

CW 172

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 174

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

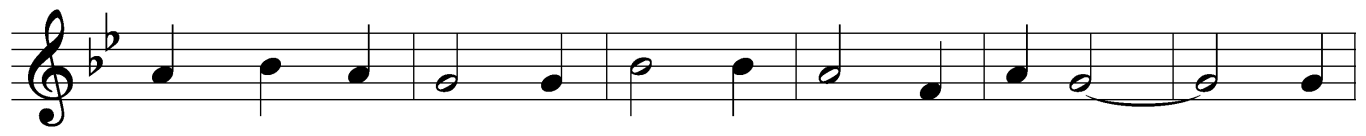
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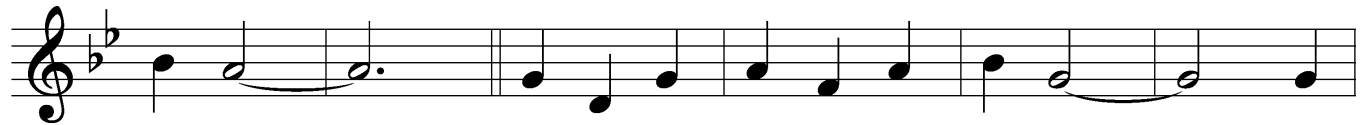
peo - ple on earth. Lord God,



heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



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Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



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



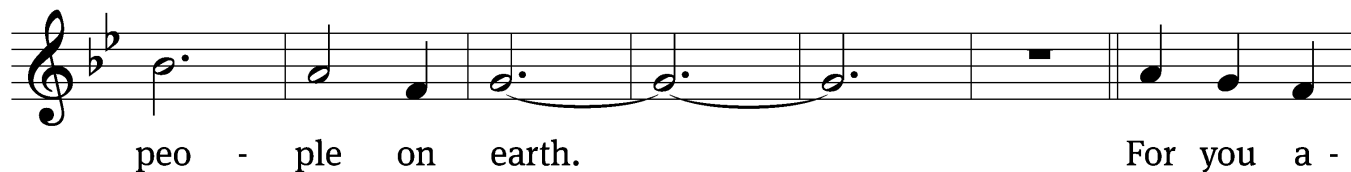
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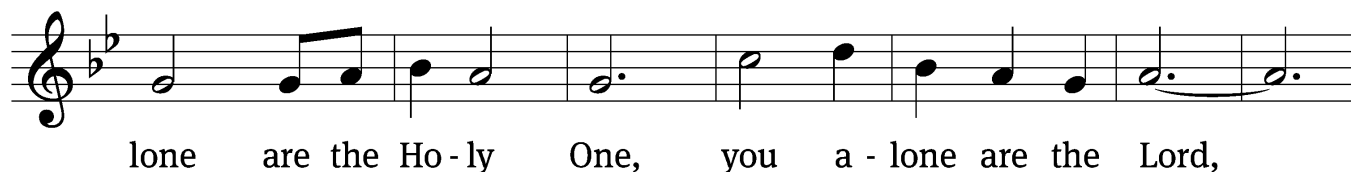
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peo - ple on earth. For you a -



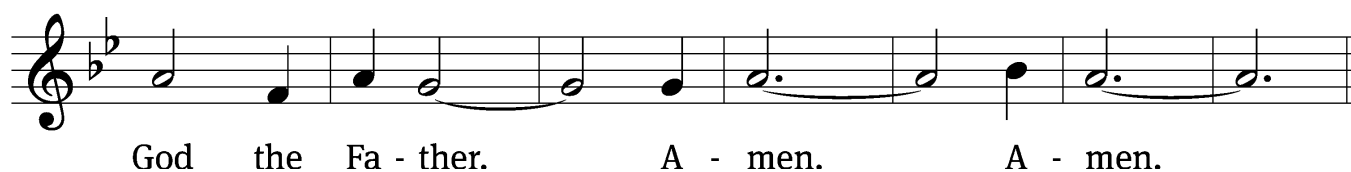
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



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. A - men. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth.

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SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you invite us to trust in you for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of your judgment but by the greatness of your mercy; 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: ISAIAH 25:6–9

Isaiah 25:6–9

The gospel is pictured as a “can’t miss event” for the ages

⁶On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.
The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove his people’s disgrace
from all the earth.

The LORD has spoken.

⁹In that day they will say,

“Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.
This is the LORD, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**GRACE NOTES
ADULT CHOIR**

**Total Praise
Faithful (Arr. Mark Hayes)**

**8:00
10:30**

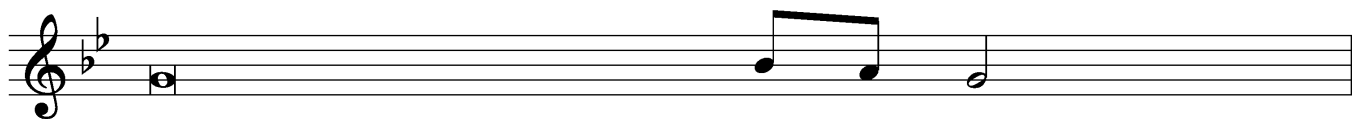
SECOND READING: ROMANS 1:16-17*Romans 1:16-17****This wonderful gospel invitation is for all people.***

¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. ¹⁷For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.***(Please stand)*****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:***Isaiah 25:6**Refrain*

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

Tone

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will pre - pare

Refrain

a feast of rich food for all peo - ples.

*Tune: © 2010 GIA Publications, Inc. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 705990***GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:1–14***Matthew 22:1–14****Sadly, the gospel invitation is often rejected.***

¹Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

⁴“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’
⁵“But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’
¹⁰So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹²He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless. ¹³“Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’¹⁴“For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY: 573 JESUS, YOUR BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

Jesus, your blood and righteousness
my beauty are, my glorious dress;
mid flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
with joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in that great day;
who can a word against me say?
Fully absolved through these I am
from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

Lord, I believe your precious blood,
which at the very throne of God

pleads for the captives' liberty,
was also shed in love for me.

Lord, I believe, were sinners more
than sands upon the ocean shore,
you have for all a ransom paid,
for all a full atonement made.

When from the dust of death I rise
to claim my mansion in the skies,
this then shall be my only plea:
Jesus has lived and died for me.

Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!
Your boundless mercy has for me,
for me and all your hands have made,
an everlasting ransom paid.

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SERMON

Matthew 22:1-14

COME TO THE FEAST OF OUR LORD

1. He has invited you to come
2. He does not give up on his invitations

(Please 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.

(Please be seated)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

Special Intercessions

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

OFFERINGS 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.

(Please stand)

PREFACE

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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

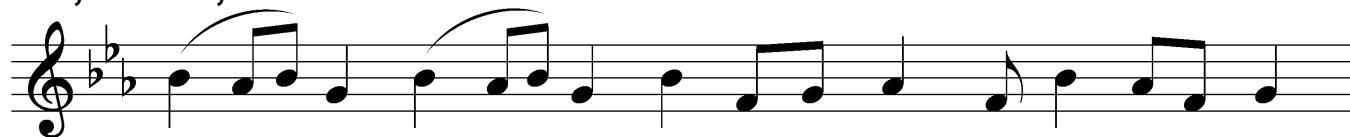
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

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

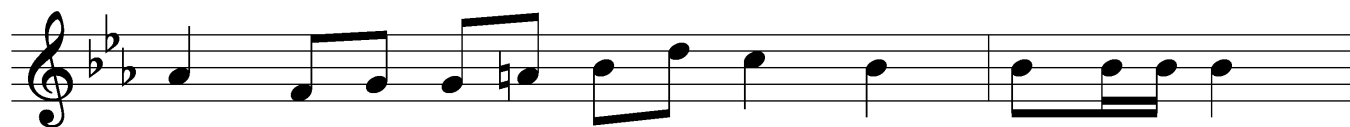
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en-ly hosts:



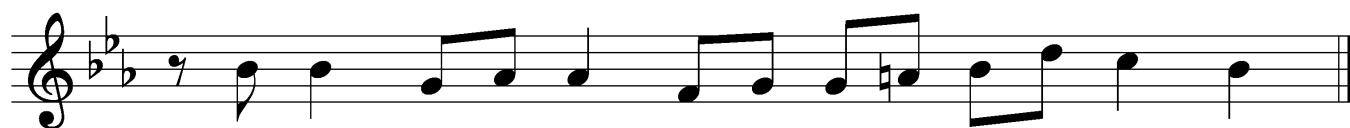
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -



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

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He

conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

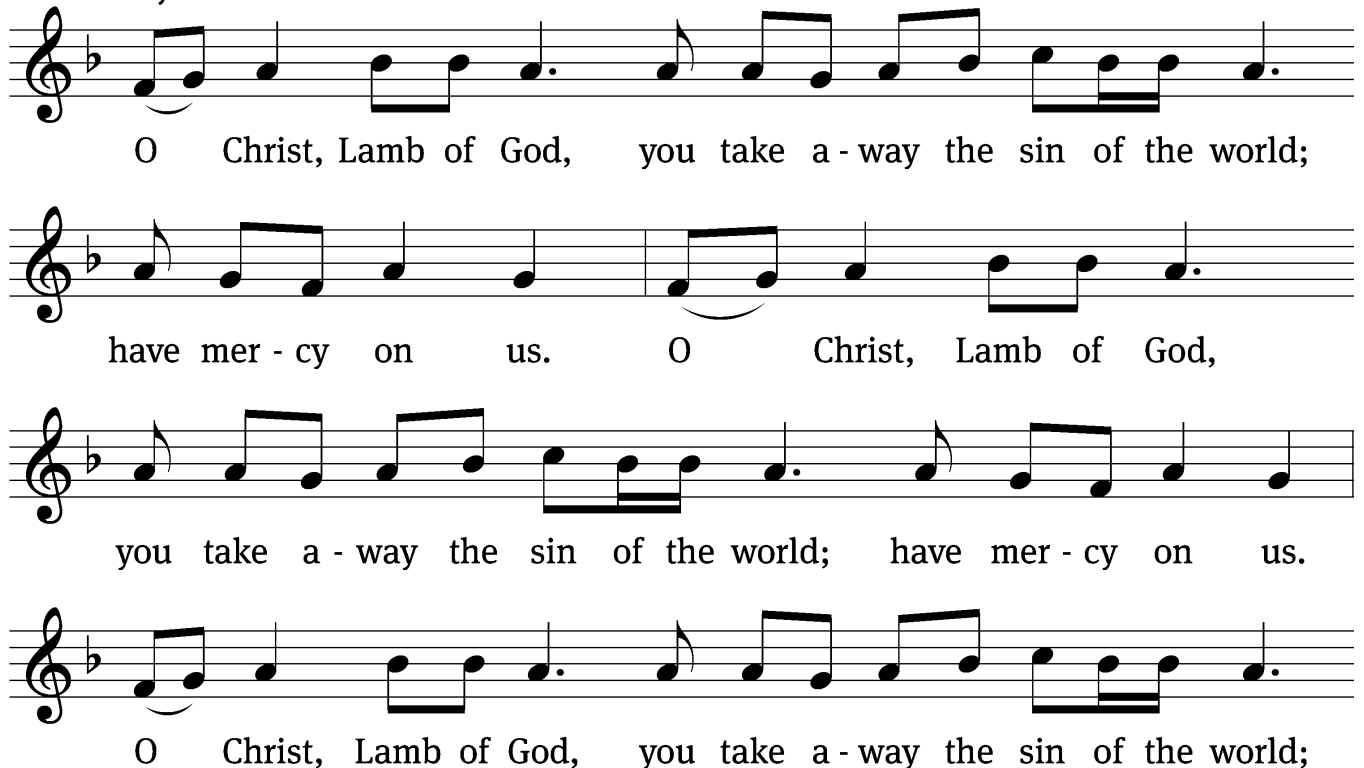
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

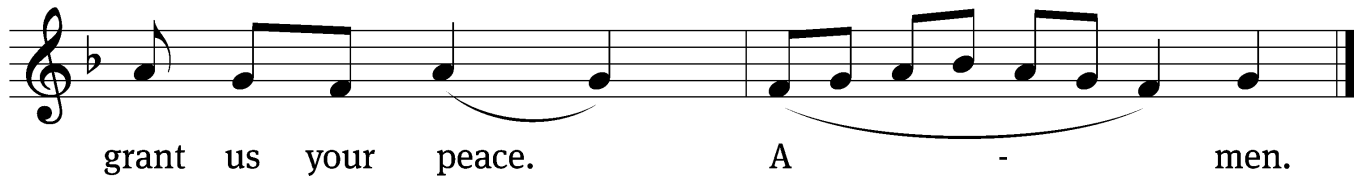
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

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;



(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 568 HIS ROBES FOR MINE

His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange!
Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath God's rage.
Draped in his righteousness, I'm justified.
In Christ I live, for in my place he died. (Refrain)

I cling to Christ, and marvel at the cost:
Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.
Bought by such love, my life is not my own.
My praise—my all—shall be for Christ alone.

His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread?
God's daunting law Christ mastered in my stead.
Faultless I stand with righteous works not mine,
saved by my Lord's vicarious death and life. (Refrain)

His robes for mine: God's justice is appeased.
Jesus is crushed, and thus the Father's pleased.
Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried, "Tis done!"
Sin's wage is paid, propitiation won. (Refrain)

His robes for mine: such anguish none can know.
Christ, God's beloved, condemned as though his foe.
He, as though I, accursed and left alone;
I, as though he, embraced and welcomed home! (Refrain)

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(Please stand)

THANKSGIVING

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 you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, 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.

(Please be seated)

HYMN: 884 LORD, WHEN YOUR GLORY I SHALL SEE

Lord, when your glory I shall see
and taste your kingdom's pleasure,
your blood my royal robe shall be,
my joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before your throne,
your righteousness shall be my crown;
with these I need not hide me.
And there, in garments richly wrought,
as your own bride I shall be brought,
to stand in joy beside you.

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HOSPITALIZED OR RECUPERATING AT HOME:

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Janet Brussman

Annette Hartzell

Sandra Lederer

Maria Pitney

THIS WEEK AT GRACE:

SUN – Worship Service, 8:00 & 10:30a; Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30a

MON – Pastoral Conference; LES Fall Break; Handbells, 6:15p; Adult Choir, 7p

TUE – Pastoral Conference; LES Fall Break; Bible Class, 2p

WED – ABC Breakfast, 8:30a; Pastoral Conference; LES Fall Break; Public School Confirmation, 6:30p; No Bible Class

THU – LES Fall Break

FRI – LES Fall Break; Bible Class, 10a

SUN – Worship Service, 8 & 10:30a, Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30a

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. *Forward in Christ* and February Bible-reading and 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 October 21 will be captained by Don and Eileen McDowell, Don and Frances Bottcher, Bob and Tess Franzmeier, Andrew Wells, and Jon and Rachel Kulhanek.

WORK DAY...Please join the Support Board to work on various campus projects at 7a, on October 21. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve.

LES FALL FESTIVAL...Fall Fest is right around the corner! Warriors invite

you to join them for food, games, music, and a trunk or treat. Sign up for a spot to decorate your trunk and host a carnival game.

<https://signup.com/go/CThAOcy>

JOINT REFORMATION SERVICE... You are cordially invited to the Valley Joint Reformation Service at 4p on October 29 here at Grace. Pastor Ross Else of Emmaus Lutheran Church, Phoenix will preach and Pastor John Sprain of Shepherd of the Valley, Surprise will serve as the presiding minister. Holy Communion will be celebrated.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT... Christmas will be here before we know it! What better way is there to start the Advent season than preparing our hearts with Advent by Candlelight on Sunday, November 26 at 5:00 p.m. All women are invited to come! If you want to host a table, be a reader, share your musical talents, or plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

2023 ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP SHEETS... Please sign up for altar flower Donations by filling out 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 place it in the collection plate.

2023 SCRIPTURAL GREETING CARDS... Scriptural greeting cards are available for purchase after the first service, in the fellowship hall. They are available as singles and by the box.

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 **\$947,436.00** by **6/30/2024**.

**YTD 7/1/2023 through
10/8/2023:**

Week ending 10/8/2023:

Weekly Need:	17,000.00		YTD Need:	260,600.00
Weekly Actual:	13,042.31		YTD Actual:	269,111.74
Weekly +/-:	-3,957.69		YTD +/-:	+8,511.74