



# WHAT HELPS IN LIFE FAILS IN DEATH



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# WELCOME TO GRACE!

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We're glad you're here! May the Word of God bring you comfort in Christ alone. You can follow along with the service using this worship folder or using the screens above the chancel. If you're new here, below is some helpful information about our sanctuary and our worship...

- Please reserve the **BACK PEWS** for parents with **SMALL CHILDREN**.
- A **PARENT'S ROOM** with private changing area and restroom is available through the door at the back of the middle aisle. Windows from the room allow you to still watch the service and speakers allow you to hear as well. A volume control is available on the wall by the door.
- Ask an usher to receive an **AUDIO RECEIVER** and **HEADSET** if you need hearing assistance in the sanctuary or Fellowship Hall.
- **RESTROOMS** are available in the Narthex. Exit out of the north doors from the Sanctuary and go to the left. They are located in the alcove behind Luther's Seal.
- **LARGE PRINT** bulletins are available. See an usher to receive one.
- Visit our **WEBSITE** at <http://www.graceglendale.org> for additional information about our ministries and upcoming events.

## CONTACT US...

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Feel free to reach out directly to our office staff via email or telephone. Call 623-937-2010 and use the extension to the right.

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## AT TODAY'S SERVICE...

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**Preaching Minister:** Pastor Jacobson

**Liturgist:** Pastor Sellnow

**Senior ushers:** 8:00 AM – Bruce Rademacher

10:30 AM – Jerry Rovey

**A/V Team:** 8:00 AM – Jon Scheel / Tracey Moreland

10:30 AM – Paul Sullivan

## ABOUT THE THEME

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*What do John D Rockefeller, King Solomon, Henry Ford, and Joseph Stalin all have in common? Two things. First, they are all in the list of the twenty wealthiest individuals who ever lived. Second, they are all rotting in the ground. The reality is that while money may help you achieve some objectives, it fails to prevent death. So Jesus speaks some sharp words this week, warning that those who live with hearts filled with love for money and void of love for God will receive the only eternity that money can buy—one void of God and filled with torment. Money seems helpful, but it fails in death. Conversely, what often seems of little help in this life will be our only source of help in death. The world scoffs at those who set aside plenteous time to listen to Jesus' words and eat his holy meal. "Of what practical good are such things?" Only this. Such things enable us, at death, to receive a reward that dwarfs even the best things money can buy.*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

**Setting 2 (CW 172)**

**HYMN: THOUGH THOUGHTLESS THOUSANDS CHOOSE THE ROAD** CW 718

*Please stand*

### INVOCATION

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*

### DECLARATION OF GRACE

CW 173

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 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**

CW 176

### **SALUTATION**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; 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

Amos 6:1–7

***At the time of Amos, the Israelites enjoyed prosperity, but spiritually they were drifting from the LORD. The prophet warns not to let prosperity provide a false sense of security.***

<sup>1</sup>Woe to you who are complacent in Zion, and to you who feel secure on Mount Samaria, you notable men of the foremost nation, to whom the people of Israel come! <sup>2</sup>Go to Kalneh and look at it; go from there to great Hamath, and then go down to Gath in Philistia. Are they better off than your two kingdoms? Is their land larger than yours? <sup>3</sup>You put off the day of disaster and bring near a reign of terror. <sup>4</sup>You lie on beds adorned with ivory and lounge on your couches. You dine on choice lambs and fattened calves. <sup>5</sup>You strum away on your harps like David and improvise on musical instruments. <sup>6</sup>You drink wine by the bowlful and use the finest lotions, but you do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph. <sup>7</sup>Therefore you will be among the first to go into exile; your feasting and lounging will end.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## GRADES PREK-2 (8:00)

*"Jesus Strong and Kind"*

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 13:1–6

***All Christian virtue—including a proper attitude toward wealth—comes from knowing the Lord is our help.***

<sup>1</sup>Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. <sup>2</sup>Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

<sup>4</sup>Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you;  
never will I forsake you.”

<sup>6</sup>So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.  
What can mere mortals do to me?”

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 16:31



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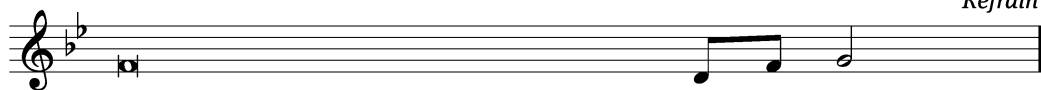


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If they do not listen to Moses and the Proph - ets,



they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.

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## GOSPEL

Luke 16:19–31

**Jesus tells a parable about two men, one whose confidence was in his wealth, another whose confidence was in his God.**

<sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. <sup>20</sup>At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores <sup>21</sup>and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

<sup>22</sup>“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

<sup>25</sup>“But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

<sup>27</sup>“He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

<sup>29</sup>“Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

<sup>30</sup>“ ‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

<sup>31</sup>“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

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

*Please be seated*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*At this time, children are invited to the front of the church to hear a special children's message from the Pastor.*

### HYMN OF THE DAY: LORD, THEE I LOVE WITH ALL MY HEART

CW 817

### SERMON

Luke 16:19-31

## **IF MONEY IS YOUR MASTER...**

*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 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 complete the "Welcome to Grace" register in your pew at this time.

### **HYMN: ONCE IN THE BLEST BAPTISMAL WATERS**

CW 678

*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**

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: MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE**

*CW 811*

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## **TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS:**

Altar flowers are donated by Cindy Burmeister in celebration of Brittany & Drew Sydow's six-year wedding anniversary.

## **ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Worship: 8:00 AM – 150      10:30 AM – 129

Sunday School: Adults: 98 – Children: 26

Midweek Bible Class: Tue:10 – Fri: 9

## **HOSPITALIZED OR RECUPERATING AT HOME:**

Tracey Moreland – 1928 W Orangewood Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85021

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Rodney Rademacher – 4220 W Gardenia Dr, Phoenix, AZ 85051-8131

Beverly Siegler – 8432 W Palo Verde Ave, Peoria, AZ 85345-7122

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. The September issue of *Forward in Christ* and October 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. There is no cleaning crew scheduled for October 4. Team 18 Led by Heidi Pedersen is scheduled for October 11.

**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.

**SCRIPTURAL GREETING CARDS...** are available for purchase before Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall. Cards are \$6.00 per box or \$1.00 per card. Proceeds support the ministry of Grace Ladies' Aid.

## **THIS WEEK AT GRACE:**

### **TODAY : WORSHIP, 8:00 & 10:30 AM**

Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30 AM

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

TUE - Newsletter Assembly, 8 AM; Bible Class, 2 PM

WED - ABC Breakfast, 8:30 AM; Bible Class, 7 PM;

Public School Confirmation, 6:30 PM

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

FRI - Class, 10 AM

SUN - **WORSHIP with Communion, 8:00 & 10:30 AM**

Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30 AM

*(FH = in Fellowship Hall)*

## **OTHER EVENTS COMING UP...**

**ABC: ADULT BREAKFAST & COFFEE – October 1 at Village Inn, 9490 West Northern Ave at 8:30 AM...** We are a group of Grace members and friends who enjoy gathering for breakfast twice a month on Wednesdays. Everyone is welcome and we all pay for our own meals when we eat out. Sign up to join us by contacting Pat Walker by text, voice or email at numbers and address below. When registering please include the names of all those who wish to attend. If this is the first time you will be attending please include a mobile phone number which may be used for text messages, or include a landline.  
**Pat Walker - 480-717-0131 - patwalker1950@gmail.com**

**SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING - OCTOBER 15 AT 6:30 PM...** A Special Call meeting will be held to call a Principal. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall. All Grace members are invited to attend.

**WELS TRAVEL TOUR?...** Interested in traveling with a group of like-minded believers? The OWLS (WELS Seniors) is partnering with Father's World Tours to offer a New Year's (Dec 31-Jan 13) trip to sunny Southern California (Rose Parade, Reagan Library, San Diego, Palm Springs, Joshua Tree NP) that also includes a 7-night Princess cruise to the Mexican Riviera. All tours involve daily devotions and WELS weekend worship. The tour is open to W/ELS members of all ages. Registration closes on October 1 (earlier if all spots are sold). Visit [www.fathersworldtours.com](http://www.fathersworldtours.com) or contact us ([steve@fathersworldtours.com](mailto:steve@fathersworldtours.com), 507-217-1731) to learn more.

**GRACE MUSICIANS...** If you are an instrumentalist willing to play for the Reformation church services on October 26th, please contact Rachel Kulhanek ([Rachel.kulhanek@gmail.com](mailto:Rachel.kulhanek@gmail.com)) by the end of this month. Thank you!

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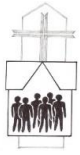
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# Grace Groups

*Gathering Together Around God's Word*

## IF MONEY IS YOUR MASTER

*Luke 16:19-31*

In what ways are you motivated by “the light in front of you” and in what ways are you motivated by “the fire behind you”?

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Agree or disagree: You should listen to the preaching and teaching of God's Word as if your life depends on it because it does.

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What caught you attention from Jesus' story and Pastor's preaching on the Rich Man and Lazarus?

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The gospel was preached today in connection with Jesus' offices of prophet, priest and king. Find your catechism, review this teaching and offer one question or comment to your group.

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What comfort does it give you that Jesus called Lazarus by name but not the rich man? In what way are the 5 brothers a better comparison for us?

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