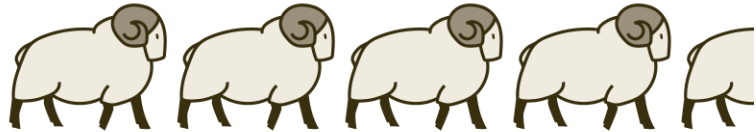


THE NEED FOR



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FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST MAINTAIN PROPER PRIORITIES



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WELCOME TO GRACE!

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.

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AT TODAY'S SERVICE...

Preaching Minister: Pastor Sellnow
Liturgist: Pastor Jacobson
Senior ushers: 8:00 AM – Scott Gillespie
10:30 AM – Jerry Rovey
Pianist: Stacey Hill
A/V Team: 8:00 AM – Mark Breiling
10:30 AM – Paul Sullivan

ABOUT THE THEME

People think that establishing priorities is about ranking things in order of importance. But it is more than that. We do not have unlimited time and energy. So, establishing priorities enables us to say “no” to things which might be good yet not truly important. Without proper priorities, one inevitably will pursue that which is nice while downplaying that which is needed.

Throughout Scripture believers are urged to prioritize. It is the heart of the First Commandment: “You shall have no other gods before me” (Exodus 20:3). Jesus calls for prioritization when he says, “Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness” (Matthew 6:33). Good news: followers of Christ maintain proper priorities. Even better news: followers of Christ receive his forgiveness for all the times their priorities have been improper.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Setting 3 (CW 188)

HYMN: ALL DEPENDS ON OUR POSSESSING

CW 807

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 189

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.

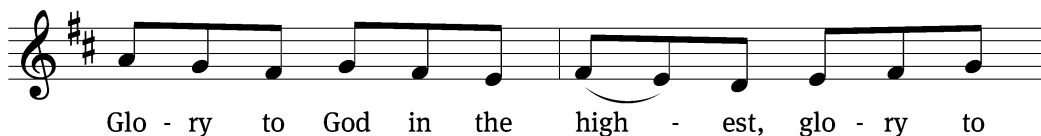
Lord, have mercy.


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

Amen.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

CW 191





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



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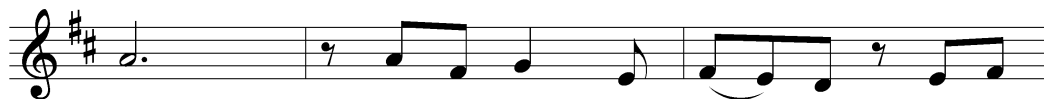
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Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus



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SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us forsake all trust in earthly gain and find in you our heavenly treasure; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING

2 Kings 5:14–27

The prophet Elisha's servant, Gehazi, prioritized riches over his walk with God.

¹⁴So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

¹⁵Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel.”

“So please accept a gift from your servant.”

¹⁶The prophet answered, “As surely as the LORD lives, whom I serve, I will not accept a thing.” And even though Naaman urged him, he refused.

¹⁷“If you will not,” said Naaman, “please let me, your servant, be given as much earth as a pair of mules can carry, for your servant will never again make burnt offerings and sacrifices to any other god but the LORD. ¹⁸But may the LORD forgive your servant for this one thing: When my master enters the temple of Rimmon to bow down and he is leaning on my arm and I have to bow there also—when I bow down in the temple of Rimmon, may the LORD forgive your servant for this.”

¹⁹“Go in peace,” Elisha said.

After Naaman had traveled some distance, ²⁰Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said to himself, “My master was too easy on Naaman, this Aramean, by not accepting from him what he brought. As surely as the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him.”

²¹So Gehazi hurried after Naaman. When Naaman saw him running toward him, he got down from the chariot to meet him. “Is everything all right?” he asked.

²²“Everything is all right,” Gehazi answered. “My master sent me to say, ‘Two young men from the company of the prophets have just come to me from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two sets of clothing.’”

²³“By all means, take two talents,” said Naaman. He urged Gehazi to accept them, and then tied up the two talents of silver in two bags, with two sets of clothing. He gave them to two of his servants, and they carried them ahead of Gehazi. ²⁴When Gehazi came to the hill, he took the things from the servants and put them away in the house. He sent the men away and they left.

²⁵When he went in and stood before his master, Elisha asked him, “Where have you been, Gehazi?”

“Your servant didn’t go anywhere,” Gehazi answered.

²⁶But Elisha said to him, “Was not my spirit with you when the man got down from his chariot to meet you? Is this the time to take money or to accept clothes—or olive groves and vineyards, or flocks and herds, or male and female slaves? ²⁷Naaman’s leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants forever.” Then Gehazi went from Elisha’s presence and his skin was leprous—it had become as white as snow.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GRACE NOTES

"Seek Ye First"

SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:12-13

God's Word is like a sword. It cuts through our pretensions and pride and exposes our true priorities.

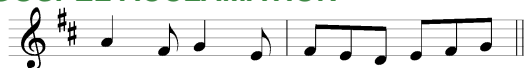
¹²For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. ¹³Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hebrews 4:12



Refrain



Tone



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GOSPEL

Mark 10:17–27

Jesus helps a young man see a problem deeper than his failure to keep God's law perfectly—that he prioritized his wealth above the call to follow Christ.

¹⁷As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

¹⁸“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’”

²⁰“Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”

²¹Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

²²At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

²³Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!”

²⁴The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

²⁶The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?”

²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

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: YOUR WORKS, NOT MINE, O CHRIST

CW 560

SERMON

Mark 10:17–27

FOLLOWERSHIP MADE POSSIBLE

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

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

HYMN: JESUS, PRICELESS TREASURE

CW 823

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: WHAT IS THE WORLD TO ME

CW 717

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TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS:

No altar flowers were donated this week

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Worship: 8:00 AM – 129 – 10:30 AM – 121
Communion: 8:00 AM – 109 – 10:30 AM – 89
Sunday School: Adults: 84 – Bible Basics: 15 – Children: 19
Midweek Bible Class: Tue/Wed: No Class/Fall Break – Fri: 10

HOSPITALIZED OR RECUPERATING AT HOME:

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REV. KIRK MASSEY CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN... The Lord, in his infinite wisdom, suddenly called home our brother in Christ and in his ministry, Rev. Kirk Massey, Jr. For about the past decade, Pastor Massey had been serving on the White Mountain Apache Reservation at Open Bible (Whiteriver) and Shepherd in the Pines (McNary) Lutheran churches. Please keep these congregations and Pastor Massey's wife, Sheree, and their 5 children in your prayers. At this time, funeral arrangements are pending.

WELS WEST VALLEY CAMPUS MINISTRY:

1. **First Sunday Feast...** took place last Sunday after the 10:30AM service. Join us for our next one on November 3.
2. **Second Sunday Service...** takes place TODAY and is an invitation and encouragement for our college students and young adults to serve as our ushers, greeters, hospitality team, audio-visual technicians. Please come to worship about 15 to 30 minutes early and tell one of the pastors or ushers you would like to help.
3. All WELS members in college or within 7 years of their high school graduation and their friends are welcome to participate in campus ministry activities.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The October issue of *Forward in Christ* and Bible-reading and activity calendars are in the Narthex and south entrance to the church.
2. There was no cleaning crew that cleaned the church last week. The cleaning crew for October 19 will be captained by Alan and Wendy Sue Quamme and include Scott, Stacey, Cashlin, and Eoghan Hill, Don Jeffery, Debbie Mulleneaux, and Everett Quamme.

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.

HOUSING NEED FOR ALA... A retired couple is considering moving to AZ to cover Mrs. Wells's classroom while she is on family leave. They need a place from Jan to Jun - a house, apartment, or casita. If you know of anything, please contact Kurt Rosenbaum as soon as possible: Rosenbaum@ALAcoyotes.org

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.

ORDER NOW - *Christ Through Us: A Pictorial History of the Wisconsin Synod, 1850–2025...* Filled with captivating images and fascinating stories, *Christ Through Us* is a thoughtful gift for WELS historians or people interested in our synod's history. It's also an incredible visual aid for Lutheran elementary and high school teachers! This limited-edition book can be ordered **until 10/15/24 for guaranteed availability**. Sign up on the sheet in the narthex today or by next Sunday (October 13), or you may order your copy from **www.nph.net** .(Books will be available to ship early summer 2025) Hardcover, approximately 260 full-color pages. **BU1500857, ~~\$29.99~~ \$23.99** Pre-order price (does not include sales tax or shipping).

THIS WEEK AT GRACE:

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

Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30 AM

Ladies Aid, 11:45 AM (FH)

MON - Handbells, 6:15 PM

Boy Pioneers, 6:30 PM (FH)

Choir Practice, 7:00 PM

TUE - Bible Class (Ruth – A Story of Redemption), 2 PM (FH)

Church Council, 6:30 PM (FH)

WED - ABC – Adult Breakfast & Coffee, 8:30 AM

Bible Class (God So Loved the World), 7:00 PM (FH)

FRI - Bible Class (Gospel of John), 10:00 AM (FH)

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

Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30 AM

(FH = in Fellowship Hall)

OTHER EVENTS COMING UP...

LADIES AID... The Ladies Aid group will meet **TODAY, Sunday, October 13**, in the Fellowship Hall, following the late service worship service. All ladies are welcome. Bring your ideas and suggestions!

ABC: ADULT BREAKFAST & COFFEE – October 16th 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. On the third Wednesday, we attend Chapel at Grace and have breakfast after in the Fellowship Hall! Sign up to join us by contacting Pat Walker by text, voice or email at numbers and address below. You may also sign up on the registration sheet in the narthex. 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.

**October 16th Location: Brother's, 8466 W Peoria Ave
Pat Walker - 480-717-0131 - patwalker1950@gmail.com**

SATURDAY WORKDAY...The Support Board will be having a workday on **October 26th** starting at **7:00 AM** (no longer than 3 hours). We will be cleaning out the rubbish in the 1952 Building
Dean Stolz – dmstolz@hotmail.com.

FALL FEST... **October 26** in the Grace parking lot. 5:00 – 7:00 pm. We need trunks for treating! - <https://www.graceglendale.org/fallfest>

MUSICIANS... If you are interested in playing an instrument for the morning Reformation services on **Sunday Oct. 27 (8:00 and 10:30)**, please contact **Rachel Kulhanek – rachel.kulhanek@gmail.com**


GRACE QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING - October 27 @ noon... Mark your calendar now. This is a change from the original schedule posted in the annual reports. A light lunch will be served immediately following the 10:30 worship service. New officer elections will be held at this meeting.

WEST VALLEY REFORMATION SERVICE – Sunday, October 27 @ 4 PM... Emmaus Lutheran Church will be hosting the joint worship service this year. Emmaus is located at: 3841 W Sweetwater Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85029-1102. This year we are celebrating the 500th anniversary of the first Lutheran hymnal, so the theme of the service will be "Singing in the Midst of Trial." All are invited to join in this special worship celebration! Pastor Peter Zaferos will be our guest preacher. Holy Communion will be celebrated in the service. We hope that all those attending can join us for the meal following the service. Subs will be provided. If you'd like to bring something to share, last names A-M are asked to bring a dessert, and last names N-Z are asked to bring a side.

SPECIAL INVITATION FROM KAY RETBERG, ALPHA DIRECTOR... Your congregation is invited to attend this November 2nd event as we celebrate 40 years of sharing God’s love through serving mothers and children in the valley. Thank you! We hope to see you on November 2...

40 Years!!

Alpha



40 Years!!

Pregnancy Resource Center

Come celebrate Alpha’s 40 years in Phoenix!

When? Nov 2, 2024, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
(lunch at 11:30 a.m.)

Where? 3040 N. 7th Ave, Phoenix 85013
(on the campus of Good Shepherd Church)

What? Tours of the Center
History Displays
Special Guests

‘Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.’ – Jeremiah 1:5

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Need amounts are based on a goal of **\$968,775.00 by 6/30/2025.**

Week ending 10/06/2024:

Weekly Need:	21,000.00
Weekly Actual:	15,806.83
Weekly +/-:	-5,193.17

YTD 7/1/2024 through 10/06/2024:

YTD Need:	255,500.00
YTD Actual:	211,668.79
YTD +/-:	-43,831.21

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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 and 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.*





Grace Groups

Gathering Together Around God's Word

SERMON THEME

Mark 10:17–27

God is number one in your life. List the four next most important people, places, or things in your life. How do you show God is more important than all of these?

Do you think the rich young man approached Jesus to genuinely seek spiritual advice or do you think he was simply looking for a pat on the back? How can you see both approaches play out in your own life?

Money was not the young man's problem; it was only a symptom. What was the real issue? What are the symptoms of that problem you see in your life. Why is it misguided to focus on fixing symptoms rather than the underlying spiritual issue?

List several ways that Jesus made the impossible possible during his life on earth. How did Jesus make the impossible problem of your sin go away?

Jesus called on the young man to leave behind the idol that was in his heart and follow him. How can you lovingly call others to do the same today? Why will you follow Jesus even though you know you are not capable of perfect followership?
