

The Installation Service for Pastor John M. Taggatz

Grace Lutheran Church, School, Early Childhood Center

Oak Creek, Wisconsin

Sunday, August 30th, 2020 - 3:00pm



WELCOME!

We extend a cordial welcome to everyone in the name of our crucified and risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Visitors are asked to sign the a *Record of Fellowship* slip at the entrance of the church and are always welcome in our midst.

As We Gather— “*He Knows (the Wool of) His Sheep*”

The Lord has answered our prayers in supplying a pastor for us. The pastor is the “under-shepherd” of the sheep; Christ Jesus Himself is alone the one Good Shepherd. As such, the pastor is to faithfully serve and deliver Christ’s love and compassion. Jesus said, “*My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me*” (John 10:27); this is the pastor’s voice. He gets to know His sheep personally, deeply and compassionately.



Image: *Shepherd the flock of God that is among you. (1 Peter 5:2)*

Order of Worship—(*As outlined in the bulletin*)

ENTRANCE HYMN “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord” (*LSB 497*)

- 1 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord,
 With all Your graces now outpoured
 On each believer’s mind and heart;
 Your fervent love to them impart.
Lord, by the brightness of Your light
In holy faith Your Church unite;
 From ev’ry land and ev’ry tongue
 This to Your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung:
 Alleluia, alleluia!

2 Come, holy Light, guide divine,
Now cause the Word of life to shine.
 Teach us to know our God aright
 And call Him Father with delight.
From ev'ry error keep us free;
Let none but Christ our master be
 That we in living faith abide,
 In Him, our Lord, with all our might confide.
 Alleluia, alleluia!

3 Come, holy Fire, comfort true,
Grant us the will Your work to do
 And in Your service to abide;
 Let trials turn us not aside.
Lord, by Your pow'r prepare each heart,
And to our weakness strength impart
 That bravely here we may contend,
 Through life and death to You, our Lord, ascend.
 Alleluia, alleluia!

(The procession into the church is as follows: crucifer, the candidate, assisting ministers, and the presiding minister.)

+ PREPARATION +

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 43:3-4*

Pastor: O God, send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;

People: let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!

Pastor: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,

People: and I will praise You with the lyre, O God, my God.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd,

People: we gather before You with great joy that You have provided a pastor after Your own heart for us. We need a pastor to be Your ears for hearing our sincere confession of sins and to be Your voice for speaking Your promised forgiveness. We now confess that we have sinned against You and our neighbors in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have failed to do. Restore us to the true freedom of the forgiveness of our sins in Your Son, and gather us again as Your one flock, redeemed and given safe pasture. Amen.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

+ WORD +

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

ALL: Lord God, You have said that You Yourself will search for Your sheep and seek them out and save them. You sent Your Son to be the Good Shepherd who to this day sends ministers in His name to care for and feed His sheep. Grant us the faith and the joy to receive those You have sent to us as pastors serving in Your name, by Your own sending and promises; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 34:11–16* (The Lord is the shepherd of the sheep.)

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD.

¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 132:8–18; *antiphon: v. 16* (read responsively)

Her priests I will clothe with sal-| vation,

and her saints will | shout for joy.

Arise, O LORD, and go to Your | resting place,

You and the ark | of Your might.

Let Your priests be clothed with | righteousness,

and let Your saints | shout for joy.

For the sake of Your servant | David,

do not turn away the face of Your a-| nointed one.

The LORD swore to David a sure oath from which He will | not turn back:

“One of the sons of your body I will set | on your throne.

If your sons keep My covenant and My testimonies that I shall | teach them,

their sons also forever shall sit | on your throne.”

For the LORD has chosen | Zion;

He has desired it for His | dwelling place:

“This is My resting place for-| ever;

here I will dwell, for I have de-| sired it.

I will abundantly bless her pro-| visions;

I will satisfy her | poor with bread.

Her priests I will clothe with sal-| vation,
and her saints will | shout for joy.
There I will make a horn to sprout for | David;
I have prepared a lamp for My a-| nointed.
His enemies I will | clothe with shame,
but on Him His | crown will shine.”

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be-| ginning,
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**
Her priests I will clothe with sal-| vation,
and her saints will | shout for joy.

HYMN “O Christ, Who Called the Twelve” (LSB 856)

1 O Christ, who called the Twelve
To rise and follow You,
Forsaking old, familiar ways
For ventures bold and new:
Grant us to hear Your call
To risk security
And, bound in heart and will to You,
Find perfect liberty.

3 O Christ, who led the Twelve
Among the desolate
And broke as bread of life for all
Your love compassionate:
Lead us along the ways
Where hope has nearly died
And help us climb the lonely hills
Where love is crucified.

2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve
The truth for ages sealed,
Whose words and works awakened faith,
The ways of God revealed:
Instruct us now, we pray,
By Your empow’ring Word.
True teacher, be for all who seek
Their light, their life, their Lord.

4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve
On roads they’d never trod
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim
The nearer reign of God:
Send us on ways where faith
Transcends timidity,
Where love informs and hope sustains
Both life and ministry.

5 O Christ, the apostles' Lord,
The martyrs' strength and song,
The crucified and risen King
To whom the saints belong:
Though generations pass,
Our tribute still we bring,
Our hymns a sacrifice of praise,
Our lives an offering.

EPISTLE *1 Peter 5:1–4* (Shepherd the flock of God)

¹So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed:

²shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; ³not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. ⁴And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE/GRADUAL *Psalms 23:1–2, 6*

Pastor: Alleluia. Alleluia. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 10:11–16* (The Good Shepherd)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Preach You the Word" (LSB 586)

1 Preach you the Word and plant it home
To men who like or like it not,
The Word that shall endure and stand
When flow'rs and men shall be forgot.

2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task
Your servant bade us undertake:
To preach Your Word and never ask
What prideful profit it may make.

3 The sower sows; his reckless love
Scatters abroad the goodly seed,
Intent alone that all may have
The wholesome loaves that all men need.

4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched
And some be choked and matted flat,
The sower sows; his heart cries out,
"Oh, what of that, and what of that?"

5 Of all his scattered plenteousness
One-fourth waves ripe on hill and flat,
And bears a harvest hundredfold:
"Ah, what of that, Lord, what of that!"

6 Preach you the Word and plant it home
And never faint; the Harvest Lord
Who gave the sower seed to sow
Will watch and tend His planted Word.

SERMON – Our Shepherd Speaks Words of Life and Comfort, John 10:16

Rev. Robert Zick

CREED Apostles' Creed

**ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence 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.

RITE OF INSTALLATION OF A PASTOR

[*LSB Agenda* page 161ff. or 175]

[Note: The rite itself is available in *Lutheran Service Book: Agenda*. Only portions of the rite from the *Agenda* that require congregational responses are printed here. For a complete guide for the minister, see *Lutheran Service Book: Agenda* page 161 for ordination and page 175 for installation.]

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN “Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest” (*LSB* 498)

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| 1 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And make our hearts Your place of rest;
Come with Your grace and heav'nly aid,
And fill the hearts which You have made. | 3 In You, with graces sevenfold,
We God's almighty hand behold
While You with tongues of fire proclaim
To all the world His holy name. |
| 2 To You, the Counselor, we cry,
To You, the gift of God Most High;
The fount of life, the fire of love,
The soul's anointing from above. | 4 Your light to ev'ry thought impart,
And shed Your love in ev'ry heart;
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate. |

- 5 Drive far away our wily foe,
And Your abiding peace bestow;
With You as our protecting guide,
No evil can with us abide.
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And You, from both, as Three in One
That we Your name may ever bless
And in our lives the truth confess.
- 7 Praise we the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, with them One,
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow! Amen.

SALUTATION & COLLECT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O almighty God, by Your Son, our Savior, You have always given to Your Church on earth faithful shepherds to guide and feed Your flock. Therefore we pray, make all pastors diligent to preach Your Holy Word and to administer Your Means of Grace, and grant Your people wisdom to follow in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

CONFESSIONAL SUBSCRIPTION OF THE CANDIDATE

PROMISES OF THE CANDIDATE

RITE OF INSTALLATION OF A PASTOR

The presiding minister addresses the congregation:

Pastor: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, *John Marcus Taggatz* has been called to be pastor of *Grace Lutheran Church, Oak Creek, WI*. I ask you now, in the presence of God: Will you receive him, show him that love, honor, and obedience in the Lord that you owe to the shepherd and teacher placed over you by your Lord Jesus Christ, and will you support him by your gifts and fervent prayer? If so, then answer: We will, with the help of God.

People: We will, with the help of God.

Pastor: Will you honor and uphold your pastor as he serves Christ in all his God-pleasing responsibilities? Will you aid him as he cares for his family? Will you be diligent to “put the best construction on everything,” recognizing that “love covers a multitude of sins”? If so, then answer: We will, with the help of God.

People: We will, with the help of God.

Pastor: The almighty and most merciful God strengthen and assist you always.

The presiding minister asks the newly ordained/called:

Pastor: Are you willing and ready to assume this public trust and responsibility?

Candidate: I am.

Pastor: *John Marcus Taggatz*, I install you as pastor of *Grace Lutheran Church, Oak Creek, WI* in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. *Hebrews 13:20–21*

People: Amen.

The presiding minister prays one or both of the following.

Pastor: Merciful God and Father, You have graciously promised that, through the preaching of the crucified Christ, those who believe in Him will be saved. By Your Holy Spirit grant grace to *Pastor Taggatz*, whom You have given to be pastor of this congregation. Grant him readiness and steadfastness in this ministry, patience, understanding, and great zeal. Support and strengthen him in Your service that by Your Word Your Church may be built and increased; through Your Son, our great High Priest, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Almighty and most merciful God and Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have established Your Church to be a temple and dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. We give thanks that You continue to provide shepherds to feed and serve Your flock in which the Holy Spirit has made them overseers. We humbly implore You ever to strengthen the labors of Your ministers, that through their ministry of Word and Sacrament Your people may increase in Your knowledge and service and grow up into Him who is the head, even Jesus Christ, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all glory now and forever.

People: Amen.

BLESSING

Pastor: Go, therefore, and be a shepherd of the Good Shepherd's flock. Preach the Word of God; administer the Holy Sacraments; offer prayer for all the faithful; instruct, watch over, and guide the flock among which the Holy Spirit has placed you. Do it not for earthly gain but with great joy, for you have been called not to lordship but to serve His flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

People: Amen.

HYMN “To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray” (LSB 768)

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| 1 To God the Holy Spirit let us pray
For the true faith needed on our way
That He may defend us when life is ending
And from exile home we are wending.
Lord, have mercy! | 3 Transcendent Comfort in our ev'ry need,
Help us neither scorn nor death to heed
That we may not falter nor courage fail us
When the foe shall taunt and assail us.
Lord, have mercy! |
| 2 O sweetest Love, Your grace on us bestow;
Set our hearts with sacred fire aglow
That with hearts united we love each other,
Ev'ry stranger, sister, and brother.
Lord, have mercy! | 4 Shine in our hearts, O Spirit, precious light;
Teach us Jesus Christ to know aright
That we may abide in the Lord who bought us,
Till to our true home He has brought us.
Lord, have mercy! |

The service continues presided over by the newly ordained/installed.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: On this day of great joy, let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. All praise and glory be to You, O God our Father, for You have gathered us together as Your sheep under the Head and in the love of the great Shepherd of the sheep, our Lord Jesus Christ. As You have made us Your own by Your most gracious will, so we pray that You would bind us to one another in the faith and the love that is in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give to Your whole Church on earth Your light and Your truth, and continue to provide faithful pastors to feed Your sheep with Your pure Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant to all Your people ears attuned only to the Word of Your Law and Gospel. And especially for this congregation, we ask that by Your Spirit that You would give us Your supply of love, joy, and peace toward one another; patience, kindness, and goodness in times of confusion or conflict; faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Help us to both live and walk by the Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Continue to create in us new hearts that delight in nothing more than to worship You and receive Your Word of grace, and then to proclaim Your Word to the world around us, that all Your sheep may hear Your voice and with us follow You in faith, hope, and love. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Hear our prayers for all who are in any need: the sick, the injured, those who are troubled, the lonely, and the dying. Like a shepherd, lead them to the green pasture of Your Word, protect them from all harm, give them peace to endure, and the healing of which they have need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “On Eagles’ Wings” (LSB 727)

1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: “My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust!”

Refrain

**And He will raise you up on eagles’ wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.**

2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. **Refrain**

3 You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come. **Refrain**

4 For to His angels He’s given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.
Refrain

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4*)

Pastor: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Thy Strong Word" (LSB 578)

1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee,
While Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation,
Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!

4 From the cross Thy wisdom shining
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth
All Thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

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Officiant: Rev. Dr. John Wille, President of the South Wisconsin District, LCMS

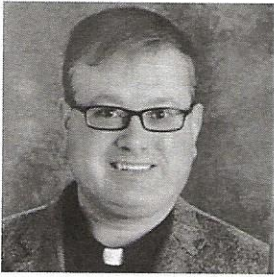
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Preacher: Rev. Robert Zick, 2nd Vice President of the South Wisconsin District, LCMS

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Elder: Mr. Heinz Poellet, Mr. Derek Poellet

Acolyte: Edward Tagatz



Biography of Rev. John Marcus Taggatz, B.A., M. Div.

John M. Taggatz was born on March 19, 1980 to his parents, Elaine & Mark Taggatz, in Edina, MN. He is the oldest of three children, Eric and Nathan are his brothers. John was baptized into God's family on April 20, 1980. In 1986, John began school at Our Savior Lutheran in Excelsior, MN (LCMS). He attended Kindergarten-8th grade there and graduated in the Spring of 1995. He was confirmed on May 7th, 1995 by Pastor John Zahrte.

John then attended Mayer Lutheran High School in the Fall of 1995 and graduated from there in the Spring of 1999. While he was at High School, John was active in the National Honors Society, he was involved with the Concert Band, as well as Pep Band, ran Cross Country and Track and performed in a couple of drama performances. He also received his Eagle Scout Award from Excelsior, MN Troop 424 in January of 1997.

After High School, John ended up attending college at Concordia University in St. Paul, MN (LCMS). While at the University, John was involved in Cross Country and Track, he played the Bass Clarinet in the College Band, and also participated in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He graduated from Concordia University, *magna cum laude*, in the Spring of 2003 with a Bachelor of Arts degree (B.A.), majoring in Theology.

After college, John attended Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO in the Fall of 2003 and graduated in the Spring of 2007. During his Seminary career, John met the woman of his dreams through one of his classmates Matthew Wurm, who is now his brother-in-law. His brother-in-law Matt currently serves as an LCMS Pastor in Brookings, South Dakota. Pastor Taggatz & Roxanne had their first date at Camp LuWiSoMo in Wild Rose, WI during the Summer of 2004. It was love at first sight! On June 24, 2005 he married Roxanne at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Sheboygan, WI, and their marriage has been blessed with four children, Edward, Martin, Eleanor, and Julia.

John was also on an internship that every Seminarian does for a year before he graduates. During that year of internship, the Seminarians are called Vicars. John did his Vicarage at Faith Lutheran Church (LCMS) in Bay City, MI. On April 25th, 2007 John received a Call to St. John Lutheran Church in Baldwin, IL, a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). On July 1st, 2007 he was ordained into the Holy Ministry at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Excelsior, MN and he was installed as a Pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Baldwin, IL on July 8th, 2007.

During Pastor Taggatz's years of service at St. John Lutheran Church Baldwin, IL he served as Pastoral Advisor to Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School in Evansville, IL from 2008 to Sept. 2014. Pastor Taggatz also served as the Vice Chairman of the Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School's Board of Governance since July 2012. Pastor Taggatz served the Southern IL District of the LCMS as a Secretary on the Campus Ministry Mentor Committee of Southwestern IL College of Belleville, IL, a position he held since July of 2013. After graduating from Seminary, Pastor Taggatz was involved in our LCMS church body's *Post Seminary Applied Learning & Support* (PALS) program from 2007-2010, with Pastor Mark Nebel serving as his mentor. He also completed the DOXOLOGY program in the Fall of 2013. DOXOLOGY is the Lutheran Center for Spiritual Counsel led by Dr. Bev Yahnke & Dr. Harold Senkbeil. It is a program that helps train pastors to be better equipped in the spiritual care of souls of those within the congregation that they serve. Since July of 2008, Pastor Taggatz also served as Pastor of the Week at Camp Wartburg in Waterloo, IL, leading the camp counselors there in Bible Study and doing devotions with the campers. Pastor Taggatz also served as LWML Lower & Upper Kaskaskia Zone Counselor for the Southern IL District (LCMS), from May 2013-Sept. 2014.

In September of 2014, Pastor Taggatz began a Divine Call at Christ Lutheran Church & School in West Bloomfield, WI and Calvary Lutheran Church Waupaca, WI. He served those parishes from September 2014-August 2020. During his time at Christ and Calvary Pastor Taggatz was involved teaching the Christian Day School Students God's Word in weekly chapel services and Christian Day School Confirmation Class. He taught Confirmation Class to the Public School children of Christ and Calvary on Wednesday evenings. Pastor Taggatz was involved with the Calvary Lutheran Men's Club, where he often went with them on fishing trips to Camp Luther in Three Lakes, WI, even ice fishing in the Winter. He was also active in Calvary Waupaca's Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML).

Pastor Taggatz thanks God that he is called to be a Pastor at Grace Lutheran Church & School & Early Childcare Center in Oak Creek, WI and looks forward to sharing many years of ministry with them, serving God's Kingdom as a Minister of the Sacraments and the Word of God!!!

SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We have gathered today to celebrate the most precious gifts and treasures our Lord gives us: His forgiveness, life and salvation. It would be our honor to have you join us again next week as we "Celebrate, Teach, and Share" the Good News of God's Grace among all people.

Grace is committed to supporting families through our Early Childhood Center, Day School, and High School. We are blessed to be a member of the Lutheran High School Association of Milwaukee.

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