

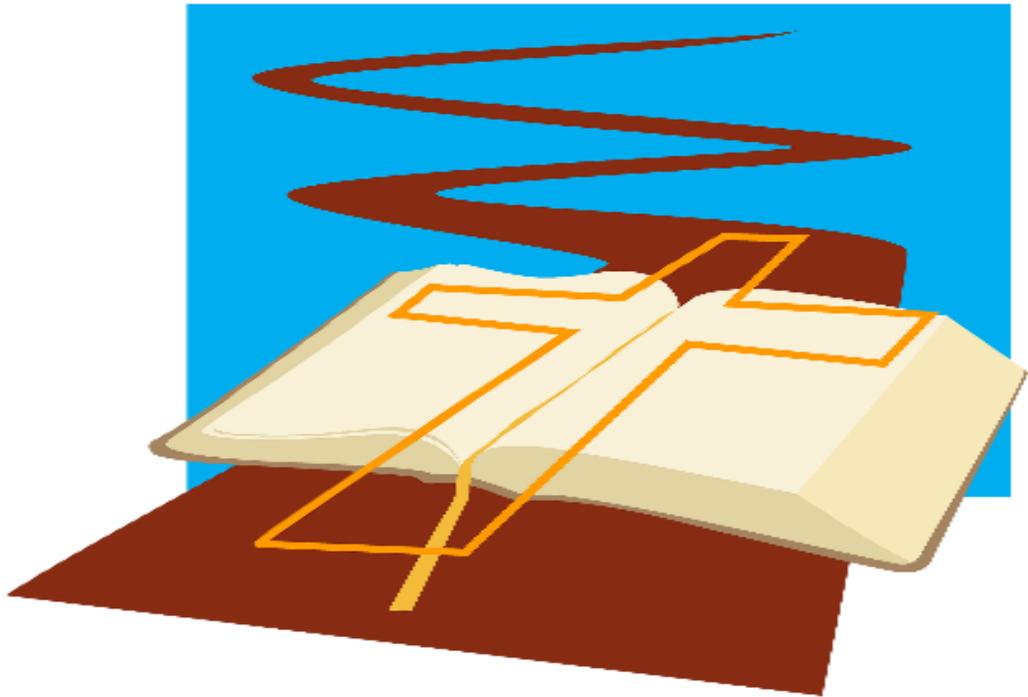
# Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

Oak Creek, Wisconsin  
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*Celebrate  
Teach  
Share  
God's Grace*

## 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 24<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020



**“By His Grace you are saved through faith”**

Ephesians 2:8



*Image: “Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; For You I wait all the day long.” Psalm 25:4–5*

# Welcome to Grace! We're Glad You've Joined Us!

## WORSHIP NOTES FOR OUR GUESTS

**Worship bulletins** (age 3-6) are available for your children to use during the service. Please see an usher if you need assistance finding them.

Children are **always** welcome - we don't want anything to keep families from attending! From time to time a child will naturally have a difficult moment in worship. If that happens and you feel a need to step out, please make use of our Church Narthex and Entrance, so you may still be able to follow along in worship until your child is ready to return again!

If you would like to include a **prayer for someone** in our worship today, please add it to the Prayer Request Sheet found on the podium in the narthex.

**A few minutes prior to the start of worship**, our organist will begin playing the "Prelude". At this time we set aside our personal conversations and use this as a time to prepare for worship. Consider offering a silent prayer (sample prayers are offered on the opening page of our hymnal), reading through the Scripture lessons for the day, or listening to the music as we prepare ourselves to enter God's presence through Word and Sacrament.

**We're glad you're with us.** Please introduce yourself to Pastor Taggatz. If you are in search of a new church home, or are interested in learning more about Grace, we would be happy to visit with you. We hope you'll be back and give us an opportunity to know you!

### **As We Gather**— *"What Do You Think?"*

We always want to know why. The rulers of the people wanted to know why Jesus was saying what He said and doing what He did. But Jesus challenged them with His Word and with the prophetic voice of John the Baptist. Why did they not listen, and why did they not repent? Why do we not listen and repent? Jesus told a parable of two sons—one whose words were yes but his heart was no, and the other whose words were no but whose heart said yes. We are called to listen. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and we shall be saved.

## Divine Service Setting 1 – page 151

### We Invite a moment of silence during the prelude for Prayer

As our organist begins the prelude we move from our regular conversations and the happenings of the world around us in order to turn our attention to worship. **Please take these moments as an opportunity to focus on prayer** (Suggested prayers prior to worship may be found on the opening page of your hymnal) and meditation. Make use of this time to look through our service in anticipation of the scripture we will share and the hymns we will sing. God richly bless us as we gather in God's presence today! We hope you will take these moments as a time to transition into worship as we have entered into God's presence through Word and Sacrament.

#### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

#### Opening Hymn—534 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor



1 Lord, en - throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor, First - be - got - ten  
2 Though the low - liest form now veil You As of old in  
3 Pas - chal Lamb, Your of - f'ring, fin - ished Once for all when  
4 Life - im - part - ing heav'n - ly man - na, Strick - en rock with



from the dead, You a - lone, our strong de - fend - er,  
Beth - le - hem, Here as there Your an - gels hail You,  
You were slain, In its full - ness un - di - min - ished  
stream - ing side, Heav'n and earth with loud ho - san - na



Lift - ing up Your peo - ple's head, Al - le - lu - ia,  
Branch and flow'r of Jes - se's stem, Al - le - lu - ia,  
Shall for - ev - er - more re - main, Al - le - lu - ia,  
Wor - ship You, the Lamb who died, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus, true and  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! We in wor - ship  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Cleans - ing souls from  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ris'n, as - cend - ed,



liv - ing bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!  
join with them; We in wor - ship join with them.  
ev - 'ry stain; Cleans - ing souls from ev - 'ry stain.  
glo - ri - fied! Ris'n, as - cend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Kneel/Stand*

### Confession and Absolution

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

*Stand*

✠ **WORD** ✠

## Introit

*Ps. 147:1-5; antiphon: Ps. 147:6*

The LORD lifts up the | humble;\*  
**he casts the wicked | to the ground.**  
Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;\*  
**for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.**  
The LORD builds up Je- | rusalem;\*  
**he gathers the outcasts of | Israel.**  
He heals the broken- | hearted\*  
**and binds | up their wounds.**  
He determines the number | of the stars;\*  
**he gives to all of | them their names.**  
Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;\*  
**his understanding is beyond | measure.**  
**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.**  
The LORD lifts up the | humble;\*  
**he casts the wicked | to the ground.**

## Kyrie

*LSB 152*

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
P 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.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
C **Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise

**C This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P The Lord be with you.**

**C And also with you.**

**P Let us pray.**

**Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

*(The Lord takes no pleasure in the death of anyone, so turn to Him.)*

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? <sup>3</sup>As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

<sup>25</sup>“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? <sup>26</sup>When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. <sup>28</sup>Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

<sup>30</sup>“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

Ps. 91:11; 103:1

He will command his angels con- | cerning you\*  
**to guard you in | all your ways.**  
Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*  
**and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!**

## Epistle

Philippians 2:1-18

*(At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.)*

<sup>1</sup>So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him

and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup>for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

<sup>14</sup>Do all things without grumbling or questioning, <sup>15</sup>that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup>holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup>Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup>Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

### Common Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

- C **Alleluia.**  
**Lord, to whom shall we go?**  
**You have the words of eternal life.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Verse for Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Alleluia. All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Alleluia.*

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 21:23-32*

*(Which of the two did the will of his father?)*

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup> When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?”

<sup>24</sup> Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ <sup>26</sup>But if we say,

‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

<sup>28</sup>“What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ <sup>29</sup>And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.  
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life T of the world to come. Amen.

**Children’s Message**—“A Seal of God’s Love” (Ezek. 18.1-4, 25-32) (Sunday morning only) *(The children of the congregation are invited to come up to the chancel area for a special message for them. Please note—Parents of small children may also come up near the chancel area to accompany their children for the message)*

**Sermon Hymn—696 O God, My Faithful God (vs. 1-5)**



1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,  
 2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing  
 3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;  
 4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing;  
 What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;  
 Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;  
 And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in  
 That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless  
 But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,  
 Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small



A con - science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.  
 The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.  
 Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.  
 And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

5 Let me depart this life  
    Confiding in my Savior;  
By grace receive my soul  
    That it may live forever;  
And let my body have  
    A quiet resting place  
Within a Christian grave;  
    And let it sleep in peace.

### Sermon—"A Bold Faith" (Matt. 21.23-32)

*Stand*

### Offering

***During this Covid-19 Pandemic, we will not be passing the offering plates during worship, but will have them at the entrance of the church for people to drop their offerings off before or after the worship service. Thank you for your generosity and support of Jesus Christ our Lord's Kingdom work!!! God bless you!!!***

**You can now give online.** It's easy, fast, and secure. If you're able, we also encourage you to set up recurring giving. Thank you for supporting our mission. Text the word: [graceoc](https://www.graceoakcreek.org) to 206-859-9405, use this [QR Code](#) or head to our web-site: [graceoakcreek.org](https://www.graceoakcreek.org). You may give a on etime gift or set up your regular weekly/ monthly offering. Those using this method of giving may still bring their envelope if they wish and simply write 'online giving' on the outside and place it in the offering plate.)



### Offertory

*LSB 159*

- C **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

### Prayer of the Church

*Sit*

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### Preface

LSB 160

- P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**  
P Lift up your hearts.  
C **We lift them to the Lord.**  
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

LSB 161

- C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 162

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

## Agnus Dei

LSB 163

C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

### **We celebrate the Lord's Supper**

Members of our sister LC-MS congregations are invited to join us for communion. Guests to our Lutheran Church are invited to first speak with Pastor before joining at our Lord's Table. We hope you will learn more about us as we gather to "Celebrate, Teach, and Confess" the Good News of God's Grace!

*Sit*

## Distribution

**Grace Continuous Line Communion**—During this Covid-19 Pandemic we are doing continuous line communion here at Grace, we will do the Pulpit side first and then the lectern side, Pastor Taggatz and the Elder on duty will be using a mask and hand sanitizer before and after communion, and if you would like the Elder and Pastor to commune you in the pew, please be sure to let an Elder or an Usher know.

## Distribution Hymns

### 543 What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That  
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be-  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my  
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my  
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will  
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

## 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your  
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that  
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.  
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
strife And lead us out of death to life.

*Stand*

## Post-Communion Canticle

### Thank the Lord

*LSB 164*

- C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

### Post-Communion Collect

- A Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift,  
and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith  
toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

### Benediction

*LSB 166*

- P 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 T give you peace.

C Amen.

### Closing Hymn—857 Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way



1 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -  
2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But  
3 No gold - en scept - ter but a towel You  
4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride Nor  
5 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -



ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -  
pow'r You laid a - side. You lived Your years in  
place with - in the hands Of those who seek to  
count our - selves a - bove The low - est place, the  
ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.  
ser - vant - hood; In low - li - ness You died.  
fol - low You And live by Your com - mands.  
mean - est task That waits the gift of love.  
get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.

### Announcements

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!



### *Altar Flowers*

Altar flowers today are given by Sandy Hamburger.

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*For all who worship this day, bless us through your Word, O Lord.*

**Bob Morgan** recovering from a heart procedure

**Debbie Oelke** passing of her mother-in-law, Rosa Oelke

**The Family of Sonny Bauer**, former parishioner of Pastor Taggatz who recently passed away.

**Family of Mike Bailey**, Pastor Taggatz's Dad's friend, whose 30-year old son, Max, recently passed away

**Mark Kuhnly (healing)**, Pastor Taggatz's Uncle

**Sylvia Parker** medical tests

**Pastor Bill Wurm**, Pastor Taggatz's father-in-law

**Angela Strasse (cancer)** friend of Taggatz family

**Greg Nowakowski (recovery from knee surgery)**

### ***For our Homebound Members at Grace:***

Betty Lemmer, Gertrude Wenzel, Kathy Gaudian, Bernice Byklum, June Roewer, Art Steinborn, Ernst & Patricia Groth, and Mark Pulkownik.

***All those on the Grace Prayer Line dealing with long term health and medical issue;  
Hear our prayer.***

We encourage you to submit prayer requests for worship and/or our prayer line by emailing:  
Paulinemom@aol.com

If you do not have access to a computer you may call:

Prayers for worship:	Church Office	414-762-8990
Requests on prayer line:	10am-3 pm	Carol Thurber 414-762-9615
	3pm-9 pm	Pauline Parker 414-764-5574

## Assisting With Divine Service

We thank God for all those individuals who have been involved in supporting our worship services this week. If you are interested in assisting in any of the ways shown below, please speak with pastor or one of our elders.

<u>Elders</u>	<u>Thursday 6:30 pm</u>	<u>Sunday 8:00 am</u>	<u>Sunday 10:30 am</u>
<u>Readers</u>	Mark Olen	Brandon Dachel	Mike Huber
	Bev Buretta	Erica Vitek	Lisa Kamprath
<u>Communion Set Up</u>	Janine Pieper/ Marlene Voss	Janine Pieper/ Marlene Voss	Janine Pieper/ Marlene Voss
<u>Linen Care</u>	Donna Dotson		Donna Dotson

## **Pastor's Office Hours for Grace Lutheran Church**

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**Monday 8:30 am-1pm**  
**Tuesday 8:30 am-1pm**  
**Wednesday 8:30 am -1pm**  
**Thursday 8:30 am - 1pm**  
**Friday (Pastor's Day Off)**

**Visitations: Monday through Thursday afternoons**

***For Appointments, Call Grace Lutheran's Church Office or Pastor's Cell Phone.***

***For an Emergency, Call Pastor Taggatz: 715-467-1231***

**Sarah Anderson...Church Secretary hours: Tuesday – Thursday, 8:15a.m.-1:15p.m.**

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR —"Room at the Table"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge  
Open doors and loud tables—places where God does His quiet work of changing lives, one dinner invitation at a time. God made room at His table for us so that we can make room at our tables for others. New Series "*Households of Faith*" (1 Peter 4) **The Lutheran Hour can be heard any time on the internet at: [lhm.org](http://lhm.org)** scroll down the page and click on, "listen now." Or listen to any of these local radio stations on Sunday mornings.

WTMJ	Milwaukee, WI	103.3	FM	Sun	6:30 AM
WTMJ	Milwaukee, WI	620	AM	Sun	5:30 AM
WTMJ	Milwaukee, WI	620	AM	Sun	6:30 AM

**All Saints Day**-Any members who would like to recognize those of Christian faith who have fallen asleep in Jesus this last year from November 2019 to the present, please let our church office know by Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. We will be remembering the saints who have gone to heaven in a special All Saints Day worship service on November 1, 2020.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASS**—Adult Bible Study will be held in the Entrance to our Church building from 9:15-10:15am. In the Adult Bible Study, we will be studying the Sunday morning Bible Readings for worship. Our Sunday School Students will be meeting in our Church Sanctuary from 9:15-10:15am. *Please sign up your children for Sunday School on the table to the entrance to our sanctuary, please also consider helping with Sunday School this year as a teacher or aide for this year. Let our Church Office know if you would like to help out with Sunday School this year.*



**Voter's Meeting at Grace**—The Grace Church Council has set the date of Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> for our next Voter's Meeting. The meeting will be brief. The Voter's Meeting will be taking place following our late Sunday morning service. Thank you for all of your prayers and support of Grace Lutheran Church, School, and ECC! We greatly appreciate it!!!

**Offerings** have been down lately at Grace and we are getting behind on our budget for 2020, we thank you for the generosity and support of the use of your time, talents and treasures, thank you for your gifts to the Lord and His church.

**Ms. Geik has resigned from the 1 & 2 Grade position at Grace Lutheran School. Please pray for our Principal, Mr Gettelman and our School Board, who are working together to find a replacement for her.** Mrs. Roxanne Taggatz, Pastor's wife, will be in the room teaching our 1 & 2 graders in the interim, she is a 2004 graduate of Concordia University Mequon, WI, with 15-years of teaching experience. She has over 10 years of teaching experience with 1 & 2 grade in a multi-grade classroom setting.

## **Celebrating LWML Sunday - Oct 1 & 4**

Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman's identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ, encouraging and equipping Christian women to live out their lives in active mission ministries, and to support missions around the world through their sacrificial gifts of mites, tithes, offerings, and tireless service.

We will have the completed plastic sleeping mats on display that weekend.

Thank you for donating your plastic bags for this project.

**Don't forget to wear purple and bring your mites!!**



## **Socktober is coming!**

During the month of October, Ladies Guild will be collecting SOCKS  
for the Milwaukee Rescue Mission

-all sizes are needed (men's, women's and children's)-

Socks may be dropped off in the designated box in the narthex.

Thank you for your generosity!

## **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Grace Lutheran Panther Golf Outing**

Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>-12:30 PM (*Packer Bye*), Grant Park Golf Course

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### ***All levels of skill encouraged***

We are playing a 9-hole Scramble format

(everyone in your group hits then you take the best shot and proceed).

Reduced price this year as we will be having minimal raffles

(this year is a FUNraiser more than a fundraiser).

**\$30 Price** includes Golf, Cart, 2 drink tickets, hole prizes and a wonderful opportunity for fellowship.

Sign up as a team or an individual (if you don't have a team we will pair you up).

Sign up sheets will be in the narthex.

Please make any checks payable to Grace Lutheran School. Any question can be directed to Tom Hengst,  
[thengst@wi.rr.com](mailto:thengst@wi.rr.com)



**Choir at Grace will be starting soon**, practice will be on Thursday evenings, please see Kathy Kolb for further details, practice will be after worship.

The military Bible Stick program will be beginning soon at Grace Lutheran, please speak to Jeanne Meyer for further details.

## **EQUIPPER**

The Equipper is going to start up again. Please let us know how you would like to receive it: email, snail mail or pick-up at church? The sign-up sheet can be found at the back of church. Also, if you want to include any special announcements and/or requests please get to Sarah Anderson by the 17<sup>th</sup> of each month.

## **IN THE WORD FOR THE 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Catechism:** Ten Commandments—Review and The Close of the Commandments

**Verse of the week:** Romans 6:23 The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Psalm of the week:** Psalm 92

**Hymn of the week:** (LSB 596) “All Christians Who Have Been Baptized” (stanzas 1 and 4)

**Bible Stories for the Week:**

**Sunday**—The Widow of Nain’s Son Is Raised—Luke 7:11-17

**Monday**— Spies Are Sent into Canaan—Numbers 13:1-3 (4-16) 17-33

**Tuesday**— Israel Refuses to Enter Canaan; Moses Intercedes—Num. 14:1-24

**Wednesday**— The Rebels Are Sentenced to Death—Numbers 14:26-45

**Thursday**— Rebellion Against Moses and Aaron—Numbers 16:1-19a

**Friday**— The Lord Confirms That Moses Is His Prophet—Numbers 16:19b-40

**Saturday**—The Wisdom of Solomon—Proverbs 25:6-14

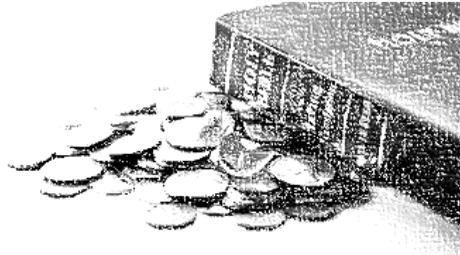
“As Christians, we understand better than most that life is weighted with profound suffering and buoyed by eternal hope. As such, it’s time to raise our children to appreciate what a big, beautiful struggle parenthood is and that it simply cannot happen without offering compassion, love, and grace to children still in the womb and to the mothers and fathers who view the scales more filled with suffering than hope.” *Tawnia Hoehne, Frazee, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)* “Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. [www.word-of-hope.org](http://www.word-of-hope.org); 888-217-8679.”

## Stewardship Minute

The Holy Spirit working through God's Word shapes and molds us as His chosen people so we can become faithful givers. The Holy Spirit changes our minds and hearts so we can adopt God's ways and become more like Him, the Giver of every good and perfect gift (James 1:17), through our giving. Through the hearing and reading of God's Word, we are changed into new creations who become givers rather than takers. *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come (2 Corinthians 5:17).* Our selfish attitudes are replaced by spirits of generosity.

**IN OUR PRAYERS, WE NEED TO  
ASK GOD TO PROTECT US  
FROM THE LOVE OF MONEY.**

"Now there is great gain godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world" (1 Timothy 6:6-7).



## Growing In Grace September 17 & 20, 2020

<u>Offering</u>			
General Offering	\$3,817.25	<b>Attendance</b>	94
On-Line Giving	858.31	<b>Communed</b>	67
Missions	0.00		
Debt Fund	50.00		
Mortgage Offering	0.00		
Lutheran High	0.00		
Bible Study/Sunday School	0.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,725.56</b>		

## OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	9/27	<b>8:00 am</b> <b>9:15 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship Service</b> Sunday School @ Church <b>Divine Worship Service</b>
Monday	9/28	6:30 pm	Confirmation Class @ Church
Tuesday	9/29	7:00 am	Men's Bible Breakfast @ OC Diner
Wednesday	9/30	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study @ Church
<b>Thursday</b>	10/1	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Divine Worship Service</b>
Saturday	10/3	8:00 am	Rise & Sonshine Bible Study @ Lake Vista Park (lake overlook)
<b>Sunday</b>	10/4	<b>8:00 am</b> 9:15 am <b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship Service</b> Sunday School @ Church <b>Divine Worship Service</b>

## 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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