

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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

18th Sunday after Pentecost- LWML Sunday

October 1st & 4th, 2020



Kingdom people produce
KINGDOM FRUIT

*"The kingdom of God will be ... given to a people
producing its fruits" (Matthew 21:43).*

"By His Grace you are saved through faith"

Ephesians 2:8



Image: "The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman's identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ. Lutheran Women in Mission are women of faith, empowered for active service in Jesus' name and bold support of missions through Mite Box offerings. As Christians, we have been given the kingdom of God to bear its fruit."

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— "*Kingdom People Produce Kingdom Fruit*"

The theme for LWML Sunday 2020 is based on Jesus' words to the chief priests and Pharisees found in Matthew 21:43 that ... *The kingdom of God will be ... given to a people producing its fruits.* As people of the kingdom of God, God graciously nurtures us and generously gives us everything we need to produce fruit for the kingdom during the fruit-bearing season of our lives. In response to God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, Kingdom People (in the LWML) Produce Kingdom Fruit for the season of our whole life on this earth.

Order of Service—*adapted* from LSB, Divine Service, Setting Two

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—901 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,
gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I
May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

(adapted from LSB, Divine Service, Setting Two)

- P: In the name of the Father and of the † 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.**
- 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 fully lived as Your kingdom people. We have not brought forth the fruits of righteousness as we ought. 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, walk in Your ways, and bear kingdom fruit to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all of 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 † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT

- L: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for steadfast love endures forever! The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
- C: **This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- L: This is the day that the LORD has made;
- C: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- ALL: **Glory be to the Father and to Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

L: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

HYMN OF PRAISE—506 Glory Be to God the Father



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each
3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the
4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of



God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:
spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,
Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;
an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!



Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,
Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,
Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,



glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!
glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING—Isaiah 5:1-7

(The vineyard of the Lord is judged.)

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM—Psalm 80:7-19

L: ⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

C: ⁸You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

L: ⁹You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

C: ¹⁰The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.

L: ¹¹It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.

C: ¹²Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

L: ¹³The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

- C:** ¹⁴**Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine,**
- L:** ¹⁵the stock that your right hand planted, and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.
- C:** ¹⁶**They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your face!**
- L:** ¹⁷But let your hand be on the man of your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!
- C:** ¹⁸**Then we shall not turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your name!**
- L:** ¹⁹Restore us, O Lord God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!
- ALL:** **Glory be to the Father and to Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

SECOND READING—Philippians 3:4b-14

(Paul witnesses to the congregation at Philippi.)

⁴If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

P: Alleluia! The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

C: This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL—Matthew 21:33–46

(The parable of the tenants in the vineyard)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ³³“Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁶And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

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**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—“Kingdom People Produce Kingdom Fruit” (Matthew 21:43) (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—"Praise, Love, Serve" (*Based on LWML Pledge, Text: Jean Hansen Kammerer, Tune: LSB 361*)

Our God and Father, made the earth, And when we went astray,
Our God, the Son, descended here To take our sins away.
With His own blood He bought us. He broke the bonds of sin.
Then God the Spirit came into Our hearts to dwell within.

In gratitude we pledge ourselves, To Him with all we have.
Our hands will work; our voices sing; Our lips proclaim His love.
His errands we'll do gladly; His Gospel we'll defend;
Our silver and our gold we'll use — His Kingdom to extend.

Wherever He has need of us, We will His call obey.
Whenever He calls out to us, We'll answer right away.
His will is ours that lost souls Will turn away from sin
And come to have eternal life Through fellowship with Him.

SERMON—"Kingdom People Produce Kingdom Fruit"

"The kingdom of God will be ... given to a people producing its fruits" (Matthew 21:43).

LWML PLEDGE

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In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

OFFERTORY (from Divine Service Setting 1)

- 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.**

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 to 206-859-9405, use this QR Code or head to our web-site: 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.)



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has made us the people of His kingdom, freeing us from eternal death, and giving us everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS—Tune: LSB 798

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The God who reigns on high The great archangels sing,
And “Holy, holy, holy!” cry, “Almighty King!
Who was and is the same. And evermore shall be:
Jehovah, Father, Great I AM! We worship Thee!”

LORD’S PRAYER

**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

**P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night 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 †
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 †
blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink
it, in remembrance of Me.”

THE PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST AND THE PEACE

**P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He
comes.**

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD—Tune: LSB 346

(The first verse is Verse 3 from “When All the World was Cursed,” LSB 346; the second verse is original by Rev. Larry Krueger)

Behold the Lamb of God That bears the world’s transgression,
Whose sacrifice removes The devil’s dread oppression.
Behold the Lamb of God, Who takes away our sin,
Who for our peace and joy [Did] full atonement win.

O Holy Lamb of God, have mercy now upon us.
Under the bread and wine, Your body now is given us,
Your blood poured out for all, We now in faith receive.
Grant us Your peace, O Lord, That we in You may live.

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!

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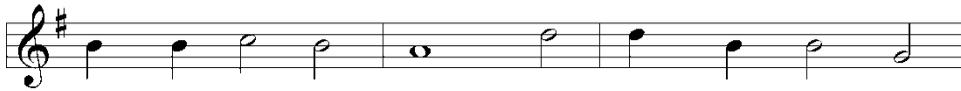
Grace Continuous Line Communion—*During this Covid-19 Pandemic we are doing continuous line communion here at Grace, we will do the Pulpit side first and then the lectern side, Pastor Taggatz and the Elder on duty will be using a mask and hand sanitizer before and after communion, and if you would like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

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -
3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That
4 He breaks the pow’r of can - celed sin; He
5 Look un - to Him, ye na - tions; own Your



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
 sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the
 sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the
 God, ye fall - en race. Look and be saved through



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
 earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.
 sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
 foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.
 faith a - lone, Be jus - ti - fied by grace.

6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;
 The Lamb of God was slain.
 His soul was once an offering made
 For ev'ry soul of man.

7 To God all glory, praise, and love
 Be now and ever giv'n
 By saints below and saints above,
 The Church in earth and heav'n.

830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might - y Word;
 2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,
 3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race
 4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea - tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.
 How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
 And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.
 Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;
 Ripe the promise of its yield.
 But the reapers, oh, how few
 For the work there is to do!

6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
 Rouse to action heart and mind;
 Let the gath'ring nations all
 See Your light and heed Your call.

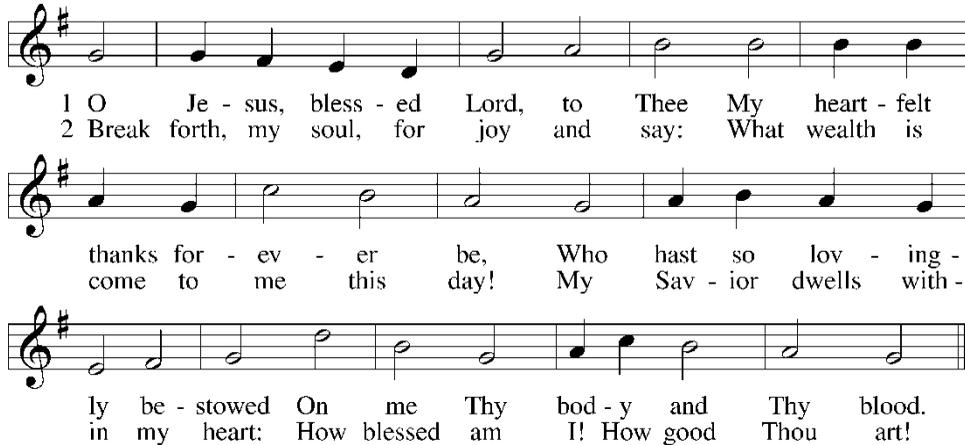
DISMISSAL

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve us in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING

632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee



1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt
2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is
thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -
come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -
ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.
in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the kingdom feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us as Your kingdom people throughout our days that we may bear fruit in keeping with repentance till that day when we celebrate the feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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 † give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN—“Serve the Lord with Gladness”

(Text: Prof. Ernest Lewerenz, Tune: *LSB 662*)

“Serve the Lord with gladness!”
It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners,
Guides us as His own
To enjoy the blessings
Of His love and grace,
Will at last in glory
Meet us face to face.
Onward, then, for Jesus!
Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!”
Glorify His name.

“Serve the Lord with gladness!”
He gave us command
To proclaim His Gospel
Now in every land
So that fellow sinners
May, like us, be blest.
Leading them to Jesus,
We can serve Him best.
Onward, then, for Jesus!
Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!”
Glorify His name!

“Serve the Lord with gladness!”
There’s no greater joy
Than to serve the Master,
Work in His employ.
As we build His kingdom
Angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner
Brought to hear His voice.
Onward, then, for Jesus!
Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!”
Glorify His name!

Announcements

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Bob Morgan (healing & strength)

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> Lance Kopperud	<u>Sunday 8:00 am</u> Glenn Dotson	<u>Sunday 10:30 am</u> Rick Weeks
<u>Readers</u>	Suzie Miranda	Cris Evers	Beth Jackson
<u>Communion Set Up</u> <u>Linen Care</u>	Suzie Miranda Jennifer Olen	Lynn Buzzell	Lynn Buzzell Jennifer Olen

Pastor's Office Hours for Grace Lutheran Church

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, 8:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR —"Victory in Defeat" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The thing about God is, He's winning—even when it doesn't look like He's winning. Maybe, especially when it doesn't look like He's winning. Dr. Michael Zeigler begins a series of messages based on the book of Daniel that tells how God uses history as a vehicle to bring about His eternal kingdom. (Daniel: 1) **The Lutheran Hour can be heard any time on the internet at:** 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 26th. 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 18th 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!

5th Annual Grace Lutheran Panther Golf Outing

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

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



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 17th of each month.

IN THE WORD FOR THE 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Catechism: Creed—First Article

Verse of the week: Psalm 19:1, “*The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork.*”

Psalm of the week: Psalm 93

Hymn of the week: (LSB 505) “Triune God, Be Thou Our Stay” (stanza 1- “Triune God”)

Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday— The Man with Dropsy Is Healed on the Sabbath—Luke 14:1-11

Monday— The Budding of Aaron’s Rod—Numbers 16:41—17:13

Tuesday— Moses Strikes the Rock—Numbers 20:1-13 (14-29)

Wednesday— The Bronze Serpent—Numbers 21:(1-3) 4-9

Thursday— Balaam’s Donkey (Part 1)—Numbers 22:1 (2-4a) 4b-5, 12-38

Friday— Balaam’s Donkey (Part 2)—(survey ch. 23 and 24) 24:10-13 (14-19) 25

Saturday—The Essence of the Law—Deuteronomy 10:12-21

“Whenever I read Scripture that talks about how much God loves each of us, that He has created us, and that He wants us to share His love, I am always struck by the lack of qualifiers. I do not see where God makes distinctions about who He loves and calls into His family. He loves and calls all—each and every one of us.” *Mona Fuerstenau, Bethesda Lutheran Communities – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org “Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. www.word-of-hope.org; 888-217-8679.”

OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday	10/4	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Divine Worship Service Sunday School @ Church Divine Worship Service
Monday	10/5	6:30 pm	Confirmation Class @ Church
Tuesday	10/6	7:00 am	Men's Bible Breakfast @ OC Diner
Wednesday	10/7	9:30 am 6:30pm	Ladies Bible Study @ Church Board Meetings @ Church
Thursday	10/8	6:30 pm	Divine Worship Service
Saturday	10/10	8:00 am	Rise & Sonshine Bible Study @ Church
Sunday	10/11	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Divine Worship Service Sunday School @ Church Divine Worship Service

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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