

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

Oak Creek, Wisconsin
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20th Sunday after Pentecost-

October 15th & 18th, 2020

*Celebrate
Teach
Share
God's Grace*



"By His Grace you are saved through faith"

Ephesians 2:8



Image: "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's,
and to God the things that are God's." *Matthew 22:21b*

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— *"Faithful Confession and Conviction"*

As the Lord speaks to us in His Word, He calls the righteous to live by faith and always gives reason why His people can do so through His continual presence, power, and providence. The Readings today urge us, in various ways, to live by faith in our confession and conviction. In Isaiah, He with great conviction reminds through the prophet, "I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides Me there is no God." In the Epistle, Paul assures the Thessalonians, "He has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction." Finally, in today's Gospel, Christ urges us to live by faith and as stewards of all He has provided, to "render . . . to God the things that are God's." Moved by His Spirit out of gratefulness for the salvation earned for us by Christ Jesus, we then give God our willing obedience, dedicated service, and the glory due His name as we in confession and conviction live by faith in and through Him.

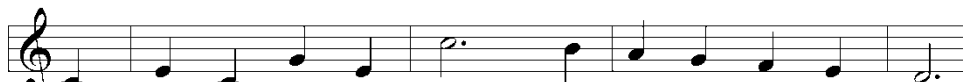
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We Invite a moment of silence during the prelude for Prayer

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—966 Before You, Lord, We Bow



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove
2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,
3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green,
4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;



And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks
From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -
Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!
bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.
'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.
your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.

5 And when in pow'r He comes,
 Oh, may our native land
 From all its rending tombs
 Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng,
 With joy to sing
 To heav'n's high King
Salvation's song!

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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Stand

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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. 121:1-4, 7-8; antiphon: Ps. 121:5

The LORD is your | keeper;*
the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.
I lift up my eyes | to the hills.*
From where does my | help come?
My help comes | from the LORD,*
who made | heaven and earth.
He will not let your | foot be moved;*
he who keeps you will not | slumber.
Behold, he who keeps | Israel*
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep.
The LORD will keep you from all | evil;*
he will | keep your life.
The LORD will keep your going out and your | coming in*
from this time forth and for- | evermore.

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 is your | keeper;*
the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.

Kyrie

LSB 204

C Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

C To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy,
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 45:1-7

(The Lord uses Cyrus as an instrument of deliverance.)

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: ²"I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know

me, ⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things.

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

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

(The Thessalonians' faith and example)

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Verse (Propers)

Col. 2:10

Alleluia. You have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. Alleluia.

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

(Jesus tested by the Pharisees about paying taxes to Caesar)

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk.

¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

LSB 206

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.

Sit

Children's Message—"In God We Trust" (Matthew 22:15-22)
*(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—851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our
 4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your

life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
 free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your
 hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious
 life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warm - ed by
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py
deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your
stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

Sermon— "Whose Image is On You?" (Matthew 22:15-21)

Offertory—956 Create in Me



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new



a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way



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.)



Stand

Prayer of the Church

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

LSB 208

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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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 208

- C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

- 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 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."
- P 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 209

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

- C O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
- O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

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!

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

802 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



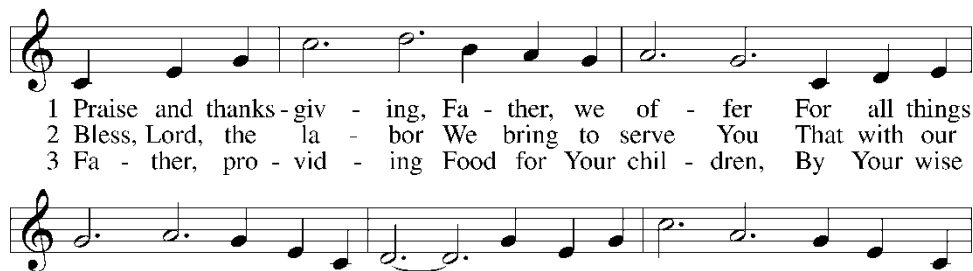
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—
 4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
 In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;
 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree
 All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

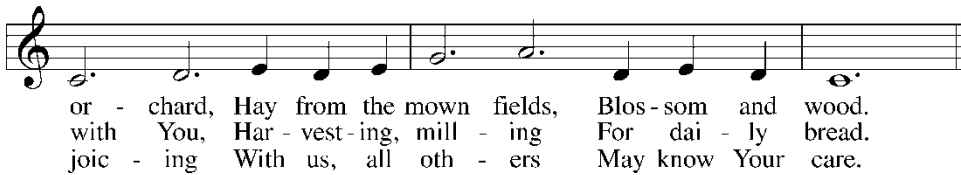
Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
 Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.
 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

789 Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
 2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise

liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
 neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
 guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -



Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

C O Lord, now let Your servant
 Depart in heav'nly peace,
 For I have seen the glory
 Of Your redeeming grace:
 A light to lead the Gentiles
 Unto Your holy hill,
 The glory of Your people,
 Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father,
 All glory to the Son,
 All glory to the Spirit,
 Forever Three in One;
 For as in the beginning,
 Is now, shall ever be,
 God's triune name resounding
 Through all eternity.

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.

Benedicamus and Benediction

A 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 T give you peace.
- C Amen.

Closing Hymn—940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -
 3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred
 4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet

bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,
 bow are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,

All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy
 In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with
 And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to
 As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the

vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.
 sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
 set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.
 bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.

Announcements

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!
 People: Thanks be to God!



Altar Flowers

Altar flowers today are given by Bev Buretta in memory of Alice Buretta and Alan Buretta.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

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)
Leigh Schmeiser (healing)
Mark Pulkownik (hospitalized)
Doc Medek (healing & strength)
Rev Paul Pett (awaiting kidney transplant surgery)
Joy Gross (healing & strength) relative of Taggatz family
Paul Tindall (recovery from heart transplant) father of John Tindall
Joseph Tibaldo (hospitalized) father of Janine Pieper
Lowell Johnson (knee replacement surgery)
Dave Vitek (serving on the Greenfield Police Department)

For our Homebound Members at Grace:

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

We mourn with the family of **Janine Pieper**, who grieves over the recent death of her mother, **Dorothy Tibaldo**. We pray— Almighty God, Father of mercies and God of all comfort, deal graciously with **Janine Pieper's** family as they mourn the death of her mother, **Dorothy Tibaldo**, that casting every care on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Help us, O Lord, to remember the faithful who loved and served You and who now rest from their labors. Bring us with them to that most blessed day when together we shall dwell in Your presence on high forevermore. Amen.

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 the 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> Heinz Poellet	<u>Sunday 10:30 am</u> Mike Huber
<u>Readers</u>	Bev Buretta	Erica Vitek	Lisa Kamprath
<u>Acolytes</u>		Ben Tindall	Tatiana Concepcion
<u>Communion Set Up</u>	Suzie Mirenda	Lynn Buzzell	Lynn Buzzell
<u>Linen Care</u>	Jennifer Olen		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 —"What I'm Looking For" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
 "We've all been asked to testify, to give a witness to what it is that we're looking for. We're always sending messages to the people watching us: this is what I value, this is what I'm looking for."
 (Daniel 3) **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



Voter's Meeting at Grace—The Grace Church Council has set the date of Sunday, October 25th 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!!!

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.



Socktober is here!

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!

The military Bible Stick program has begun at Grace Lutheran. If you would like to donate to this mission project, please take an envelope from the table in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity and support of God's Kingdom work among our nation's military personnel. You can put that envelope in the offering plate at church and it will go to this designated mission.

OUR GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL PANTHER NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE FOR ANY PARISHIONERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO PICK IT UP TO SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING AT OUR LUTHERAN SCHOOL.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE THAT IS A GREAT COOK? We are still looking to hire a hot lunch coordinator for our school hot lunch program. Duties would include, but not limited to:

- Creating a healthy, well balanced monthly hot lunch menu.
- Order food and supplies required for daily meals.
- Cook, serve, and clean up daily for the hot lunch program.

Interested individuals should contact Mr. Gettelman directly at principal@graceoakcreek.org or 414-762-3655



TRUNK OR TREAT TO BE HELD AT GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL PARKING LOT: Children from Grace Lutheran and the surrounding community are invited to come to a “Trunk or Treat” event at Grace Lutheran School’s parking lot on Friday October 30th from 4:30-7pm. The children can come to our school parking lot to receive some Halloween Candy, some Christian tracts, and they will be able to have fellowship with other children and with members of our congregation. We are in need of volunteers for this event, please contact Pastor Taggatz or the Grace Lutheran Church Office if you are interested in helping out with this event and providing candy for the children. During a Trunk or Treat event the trunk of one’s car is opened displaying candy, and often games are made available, and certain Halloween decorations. Because this is a Christian event, please do not decorate or come in costume with goblins, witches, and other occult attire. Ideas for how to decorate the trunks of your cars for this event can be found on Pinterest. Grace Lutheran School is located at: 8537 S. Pennsylvania Ave Oak Creek WI 53154

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

We would like to show our appreciation for Pastor Taggatz by throwing the family a **PANTRY SHOWER**. Look for the list of items we want to shower them with on the white board in the narthex. Items will be collected through this month. Please drop off the items in the designated box in the narthex.



“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”

1 Thessalonians 4:18 ESV



GIVING TO GRACE THROUGH THE THRIVENT CHOICE PROGRAM—

When you're ready to make an impact on the causes and nonprofits you care most about, we're here to help. Through our Thrivent Choice® program, you can make a personal donation or direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® to more than 40,000 churches and nonprofits. Eligible members can recommend where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable funding by directing Choice Dollars®. Members become

eligible for Thrivent Choice based on insurance premiums, contract values and Thrivent volunteer leadership. *****Special notice regarding the Thrivent Choice Program:** Thrivent members wishing to continue their automatic withdrawal to the charity of their choice will have to let Thrivent know either by e-mail or phone. All you have to do is call this 1-800 number in order to see if you have Thrivent Choice dollars to give. To continue to direct your Choice Dollars to the charity of your choice call: 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and state "Thrivent Choice." **For More information on the Thrivent Choice Program please go to:** <https://www.thrivent.com/what-we-offer/generosity/thrivent-choice.html>

IN THE WORD FOR THE 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Catechism: Creed—Second Article

Verse of the week: Genesis 3:15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.

Psalm of the week: Psalm 95

Hymn of the week: (LSB 746) "Through Jesus' Blood and Merit" (stanza 1)

Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday— Jesus Heals the Paralytic—Matthew 9:1-8

Monday— Moses Dies on Mount Nebo—Deuteronomy 32:48-52; 34:1-12

Tuesday— Joshua Takes Moses' Place and Prepares to Cross the Jordan—Josh 1:1-18

Wednesday— Rahab the Harlot Hides the Spies—Joshua 2:1-24

Thursday— Israel Crosses over the Jordan—Joshua 3:1-17

Friday— Israel Celebrates the Passover in the Promised Land—Joshua 5:10-15

Saturday— The Angel with the Everlasting Gospel—Revelation 14:6-7

"The Church has confessed from the beginning that each life is created by God, that human life is the supreme gift of the Creator. Human life is not given unconditionally but is given under the condition that we will be responsible for preserving it. The testimony that God respects life above all else is contained in the words of the Gospel: 'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life' (John 3:16)." *Abbot Tryphon, Vashon Island, Washington – 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.

Stewardship Minute

A Christian steward is a child of God who realizes his/her role in life as a partner, a trustee, a manager, a caretaker, a temporary custodian of gifts that belong to God. Through faith, we understand that all we have belongs to the One Who created us. Being a steward is faith in action. What a privilege and honor that God, Who has created us and recreated us in Baptism, chooses us to be His stewards! In this honored position, we are expected to be responsible and accountable. The Apostle Paul wrote, *“Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy”* (1 Corinthians 4:2). With the help of the Holy Spirit, we, by God’s grace, become God-pleasing stewards. who receive God’s precious gifts gratefully, manage God’s gifts carefully and responsibly, share God’s precious gifts with others generously, and return God’s precious gifts joyfully with increase.

GOD’S GRACE IN JESUS EMPOWERS US TO GIVE AND TO KEEP ON GIVING.

“God is able to make all grace abound to you,
so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times,
you may abound in every good work” (2 Corinthians 9:8).



Growing In Grace October 8 & 11, 2020

<u>Offering</u>			
General Offering	3,083.00	Attendance	87
On-Line Giving	716.90	Communed	67
Missions	10.00		
Debt Fund	0.00		
Mortgage Offering	525.00		
Lutheran High	0.00		
Bible Study/Sunday School	0.00		
Total	\$4,334.90		

OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday	10/18	8:00 am	Divine Worship Service
		9:15 am	Sunday School @ Church
		10:30 am	Divine Worship Service
Monday	10/19	6:30 pm	Confirmation Class @ Church
Tuesday	10/20	7:00 am	Men's Bible Breakfast @ OC Diner
Wednesday	10/21	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study @ Church
Thursday	10/22	6:30 pm	Divine Worship Service
Saturday	10/24	8:00 am	Rise & Sonshine Bible Study @ Church
Sunday	10/25	8:00 am	Divine Worship Service
		9:15 am	Sunday School @ Church
		10:30 am	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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