

# Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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

## Reformation Day (Observed)

October 22<sup>nd</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020

“By His Grace you are saved through faith”

Ephesians 2:8



**Image:** “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith.” (*Romans 3:23–25a*)

# 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-"Do Not Fear: The Lord of Hosts Is with Us"*

Martin Luther's great hymn "*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*" is based on Psalm 46. When the psalm was first written, it gave courage to God's Old Testament people. Centuries later, when Luther wrote the hymn, the world was filled with plagues and death, and the devil was recognized as active in the lives of everyday people. Further, neither the Roman Catholic Church nor the government accepted the teachings of the reformers. Now, in our day, we face cyber warfare, pandemics, terrorists, political polarization, and ecclesiastical division. Because of our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ, we need not fear. Our gracious God is a very present help in this time of trouble. He is our refuge against the powers of the created world around us and the forces of evil from every source. From His throne flow streams of mercy to give us confident joy. We know that in the end "*the kingdom ours remaineth.*"

# Order of Service—LSB, Divine Service, Setting One pg. 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—644 The Church's One Foundation



1 The Church's one foun-da-tion Is Je-sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E-lect from ev-'ry na-tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der The world sees her op-pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib-u-la-tion And tu-mult of her war



She is His new cre-a-tion By wa-ter and the Word.  
Her char-ter of sal-va-tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
By schisms rent a-sun-der, By her-e-sies dis-tressed,  
She waits the con-sum-ma-tion Of peace for-ev-er-more



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho-ly bride;  
One ho-ly name she bless-es, Par-takes one ho-ly food,  
Yet saints their watch are keep-ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
Till with the vi-sion glo-rious Her long-ing eyes are blest,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
And to one hope she press-es With ev-'ry grace en-dued.  
And soon the night of weep-ing Shall be the morn of song.  
And the great Church vic-to-rious Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union  
With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.  
O blessed heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us,  
May see You face to face.

*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*

*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. 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Ps. 119:46*

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]\*  
**and shall not be | put to shame.**  
I will bless the LORD at | all times;\*  
**his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.**  
My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;\*  
**let the humble hear | and be glad.**  
Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;\*  
**I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.**  
The LORD redeems the life of his | servants;\*  
**none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.**

**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.**

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]\*  
**and shall not be | put to shame.**

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 and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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*

## First Reading

Revelation 14:6-7

*(An angel announces the time for judgment.)*

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup>And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

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

## Psalm

*Psalm 46 (antiphon: v.7) read responsively*

- <sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,\*  
a very present help in trouble.
- <sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,\*  
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
- <sup>3</sup>though its waters roar and foam,\*  
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
- <sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,\*  
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- <sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;\*  
God will help her when morning dawns.
- <sup>6</sup>The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;\*  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- <sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;\*  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- <sup>8</sup>Come, behold the works of the LORD,\*  
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
- <sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;\*  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the chariots with fire.
- <sup>10</sup>“Be still, and know that I am God.\*  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!”
- <sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;\*  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

*(We need not fear the Law's accusation, for we are justified by grace.)*

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup>It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

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

*Stand*

**Common Alleluia and Verse**

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

**Verse**

*Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.*  
*Alleluia.*

**Holy Gospel**

John 8:31-36

*(We are freed from slavery to sin; we are free indeed.)*

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered

him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.

<sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## 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 of the world to come. Amen.

**Children’s Message**—“God is Our Refuge” (Psalm 46) (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—656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,  
2 With might of ours can naught be done,  
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,  
4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;  
Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;  
All ea - ger to de - vour us,  
Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
But for us fights the val - iant One,  
We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
He's by our side up - on the plain



That hath us now o'er - tak - en.  
Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.  
They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.  
With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means  
Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus  
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce  
And take they our life, Goods, fame,

dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might  
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,  
 as he will, He can harm us none.  
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,  
 Are his dread arms in fight; On earth  
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds  
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -  
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -  
 is not his e - qual.  
 the field for - ev - er.  
 the word can fell him.  
 dom ours re - main - eth.

**Sermon—“Justification—A Matter of Life & Death” (Rom. 3:19-28)**

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

*Sit*

**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.

**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*

## ✠ 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.**

*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

#### 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,  
2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy  
Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that  
love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -  
geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our  
Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy  
Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead  
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

### 735 Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle  
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle  
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -  
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To  
 flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In  
 bove, For He stoops down to heal you, Up -  
 God, For He stays close be - side you, In



give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
 His love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
 lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!  
 all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

*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—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.

## Announcements

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!



## ✿ **Altar Flowers** ✿

Altar flowers today are given by Chris Cotter in memory of Lee Cotter.

### 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 (hospice)**  
**Doc Medek (healing & strength)**  
**Rev Paul Pett (awaiting kidney transplant surgery)**  
**Joy Gross (healing & strength)** relative of Taggatz family  
**Lowell Johnson (recovery from knee surgery)**  
**Dave Vitek (serving on the Greenfield Police Department)**  
**Norma Manoil (cancer)**  
**Jeanne Meyer (healing & strength)**  
**Eleanor Taggatz (healing & strength)** Pastor Taggatz's Grandma

#### **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,

***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> Mark Olen	<u>Sunday 8:00 am</u> Glenn Dotson	<u>Sunday 10:30 am</u> Derek Poellet
<u>Readers</u>	Connie McKeag	Cris Evers	Beth Jackson
<u>Acolytes</u>		Ben Tindall	Tatiana Concepcion
<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

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

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** — "No Boasting, Just Belonging" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
 "The kingdom of God is not a game. The law teaches us how to love others as God first loved us. Our performance matters, but in God's kingdom belonging comes before performance." Dr. Michael Zeigler (Romans 3: 19-31) **The Lutheran Hour can be heard any time on the internet at: [lh.org](http://lh.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.



## **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](mailto: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 REFORMATION DAY (OBSERVED)

**Catechism:** Creed—Second Article

**Verse of the week:** 2 Corinthians 5:21, “[God] made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

**Psalm of the week:** Psalm 96

**Hymn of the week:** (LSB 556) “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice” (stanzas 1-2, 4-5)

**Bible Stories for the Week:**

**Sunday**—The Truth Shall Set You Free—John 8:31-36

**Monday**— The Destruction of Jericho—Joshua 6:1-27

**Tuesday**— The Sin of Achan—Joshua 7:1-26

**Wednesday**— The Fall of Ai—Joshua 8:1-29

**Thursday**— The Sun and Moon Stand Still—Joshua 10:1-15 (16-28)

**Friday**— Joshua’s Conquests—Joshua 11:15-20; 13:1-7; 18:1-2, 10; 21:43-45

**Saturday**—The Great Multitude Arrayed in White—Revelation 7:9-17

“I pray that the love of Christ emboldens you to rejoice in the Word and to speak it without fear of consequence ... may future generations speak of us like we do of David, Josiah, Luther, and our forefathers. May our children say of you and me, ‘Our forefathers stood their ground on Christ alone, on His Word of truth alone.’ The truth has set you free. Enjoy your own personal reformation. Then let your freedom in Christ be contagious! Let your life continue to shout: Thank Jesus Christ my Savior! I’m free at last ... and so are you! Amen.” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, 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

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The Apostle Paul wrote the following to the believers in Ephesus. *“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them”* (Ephesians 2:10). With changed hearts, we are enabled to render help and service to others. We are the instruments

through which God works. Through our hands and feet, He brings love and care to the needy; through our lips, He tells others of His life-saving Gospel; and through our minds, hearts, and checkbooks, He supports the work of the Church.

**JESUS’ LIFE IS A MODEL OF SERVICE TO EMULATE.** *“...The Son of Man came not to be served but serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many”* (Matthew 20:28).



## Growing In Grace October 15 & 18, 2020

<u>Offering</u>			
General Offering	3,582.25	<b>Attendance</b>	107
On-Line Giving	1,118.98	<b>Communed</b>	77
Missions	0.00		
Debt Fund	600.00		
Mortgage Offering	100.00		
Lutheran High	0.00		
Bible Study/Sunday School	0.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,401.23</b>		

### OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	10/25	<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> Voter's Meeting
Monday	10/26	6:30 pm	Confirmation Class @ Church
Tuesday	10/27	7:00 am	Men's Bible Breakfast @ OC Diner
Wednesday	10/28	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study @ Church
<b>Thursday</b>	10/29	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Divine Worship Service</b>
Friday	10/30	4:30 pm	Trunk or Treat, school parking lot
<b>Sunday</b>	11/1	<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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