

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

Oak Creek, Wisconsin
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Celebrate
Teach
Share
God's Grace

The Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 19th & 22nd, 2020

“By His Grace you are saved through faith”

Ephesians 2:8



Image: “We are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.” (Psalm 95:7b)

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-*"People of His Pasture"*

Today is the Last Sunday of the Church Year. This Sunday is traditionally filled with themes of Christ's roles as King and Judge. But consider these words from Psalm 95: *"We are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand."* We are God's chosen sheep. He is our Shepherd. We follow Him as He goes to seek the lost, bring back the stray, and bind up the injured.

Order of Service—LSB, Divine Service, Setting 3 pg. 184

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—941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God (vs. 1-4)



1 We praise You and ac - knowl - edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
2 The band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your praise;
3 You, Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
4 You sit in splen - did glo - ry, en - throned at God's right hand,



The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.
The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death - less voic - es raise.
Yet You, with bound - less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one:
Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com - mand.



To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing,
The mar - tyrs of Your king - dom, a great and no - ble throng,
You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb,
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,



The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring;
Sing with the ho - ly Church through - out all the world this song:
Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb;
So help Your ser - vants You have re - deemed by blood, we pray;

“O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 “O all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Son,
 Then by Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re - prieve—
 May we with saints be num - bered where prais - es nev - er end,
 Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!”
 And Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er— for - ev - er Three in One!”
 You o - pened heav - en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.
 In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing, A - men, O Lord, a - men!

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
 C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
 C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

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

C Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

Introit

Ps. 39:4-5, 7-8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13 NIV

In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,*
the home of | righteousness.

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;*
let me know how fleeting | I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few | handbreadths,*
and my lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.

And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?*

My hope | is in you.
Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.*

Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!
Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace | at my tears!*

For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my | fathers.

In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,*
the home of | righteousness.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Kyrie

LSB 186

C Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on High,

C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

(God will search for His sheep.)

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

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

²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Rev. 7:14b; Ps. 84:5

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,*
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

(The last enemy to be destroyed is death.)

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia & Verse

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

“Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Alleluia.”

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

(The separation of the sheep and the goats)

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

³¹[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.

³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another

as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

⁴¹"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Creed—Nicene Creed

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

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

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

Sit

Children’s Message—“Since the Very Beginning” (Matt. 25:31-46) *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—348 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns (vs. 1-5)



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo-ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

Sermon—“From Death to Life” (Matthew 25:31-46)

Offertory

LSB 192

- C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

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 194

- P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

- P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them up unto the Lord.

- P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
C It is meet and right so to do.

- P It is truly meet, 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 195

- C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

- P 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.**
- C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

- 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 197

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

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

- C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.
Amen.**

Sit
Distribution

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 Hymn

680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise (vs. 1-5)



1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the
3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the
4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more



lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head
prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree
ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee
won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise
dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the
All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the
Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the
Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the
Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the
 sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the



vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
 splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

**A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
 C and His mercy endureth forever.**

**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.

Salutation and Benedicamus

**P The Lord be with you.
 C And with thy spirit.**

- A Bless we the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

LSB 202

- 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—509 Christ Is Surely Coming (vs. 1-3)



1 Christ is sure - ly com - ing Bring - ing His re - ward,
2 See the ho - ly cit - y! There they en - ter in,
3 Grace be with God's peo - ple! Praise His ho - ly name!



Al - pha and O - me - ga, First and Last and Lord;
All by Christ made ho - ly, Washed from ev - 'ry sin;
Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Ev - er - more the same;



Root and Stem of Da - vid, Bril - liant Morn - ing Star;
Thirst - y ones, de - sir - ing All He loves to give,
Hear the cer - tain prom - ise From the e - ter - nal home:



Meet your Judge and Sav - ior, Na - tions near and far!
Come for liv - ing wa - ter, Free - ly drink, and live!
"Sure - ly I come quick - ly! Come, Lord Je - sus, come!"

Announcements

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



Altar Flowers

Altar flowers today are given by Leah Abelt in honor of her mother's 84th birthday.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Sylvia Parker medical tests
Logan (healing & strength) Great Grandson of Pauline Parker
Pastor Bill Wurm, Pastor Taggatz's father-in-law
Angela Strasse (cancer) friend of Taggatz family
Leigh Schmeiser (healing)
Mark Pulkownik (hospice)
Doc Medek (healing & strength)
Rev Paul Pett (awaiting kidney transplant surgery)
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
Tom Janes (healing & strength) Diane Pielsnik's brother
Rachel Spaeth Jordahl (healing & strength)
Cindy Riemer (surgery)
Pat Toman (healing & strength)
Valerie (fighting cancer), Cathy Week's niece

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 Heinz Poellet, as they grieve over the recent death of his sister, *Wilhelmine "Mina" Scholer*. Oh Lord, we pray that we may not grieve as those who have no hope, but that we may rejoice in the promise of the resurrection to life everlasting, and that we may encourage one another with these words, *we pray especially Heinz's* family as they mourn his sister, *Mina's* recent death, that casting every care upon you, they may know the consolation of your love. 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>Thursday 6:30 pm</u>	<u>Sunday 8:00 am</u>	<u>Sunday 10:30 am</u>
<u>Elders</u>	Lance Kopperud	Glenn Dotson	Brandon Dachel
<u>Readers</u>	Suzie Mirenda	Glenn Dotson	Derek Poellet
<u>Acolytes</u>		Madilyn Hundt	Eddie Taggatz
<u>Communion Set Up</u>	Janine Pieper/ Marlene Voss	Janine Pieper/ Marlene Voss	Char Klipfel
<u>Linen Care</u>	Jennifer Olen		Jennifer Olen

Pastor Taggatz Office Hours for Grace Lutheran Church

Monday 8:30 am-1:00 pm
Tuesday 8:30 am-1:00 pm
Wednesday 8:30 am-1:00 pm
Thursday 8:30 am-1:00 pm
Friday (Pastor's Day Off)

Visitations: Monday-Thursday afternoons

For appointments, call Grace Lutheran's church office or Pastor's cell phone.

For emergencies, call Pastor Taggatz: 715-467-1231

Church Secretary, Sarah Anderson: Tuesday-Thursday, 8:15 am-1:15 pm

THE LUTHERAN HOUR —"Politics in Perspective" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Political turmoil is nothing new and political security is only temporary. We can't escape politics. However, Dr. Michael Zeigler offers good news of a kingdom that cannot be overthrown and will never pass away. (Daniel 7:1-14) **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

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to be considered for training as Counters and Stand-by Counters, beginning in January. The counters work in pairs, so either individuals or a couple would be welcome. Each pair of counters is scheduled for one counting session per month that takes about 2 hours, usually on a Sunday after the late service, but the schedule can be very flexible. Complete training is provided and newly assigned counters are scheduled with experienced people. This is an important process in our church's administration, and we welcome interested members. If you would like more information, please contact Bev Buretta.

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Grace Early Childhood Center Christmas Fundraiser

**CHRISTMAS
WREATHS**

Order today- December 18th

Colors:
 All red
 All gold
 Red and gold mix
 or custom!



Order forms can be found in the back of church or at ECC.

We are very excited to announce our Grace Lutheran Early Childcare Center Christmas fundraiser for the year! Our teachers and kids are excited to put wreaths together for you! Please check the display in the Narthex of the Church and order today before they sell out!

****We are able to ship! We can add shipping costs to the total****

Power Point Team

Pastor Taggatz is looking for a few people who are Power Point experts and would like to help him with running the power point during our worship services and possibly editing the power point slides for worship each week. If interested, please contact him directly.

Private Communion Service

We would like to encourage those that have not been attending worship services due to COVID-19 to come and partake in private communion. We will provide this service once per month starting on Monday, December 7 from 10:00am-12:00 noon. We have eight 15-minute time slots available so that you and/or your family can come and take communion. Social distancing and thorough cleaning will occur between each visit. Please contact Sarah Anderson Tuesday-Thursday between 8:15am-1:15pm to reserve your slot. If this date does not work for you please contact Pastor Taggatz directly at 715.467.1231.

Order Your Poinsettia Plant Now

Deadline to order flowers is: *Wednesday, November 25th*. **Order with payment** should be made payable to: **Grace Lutheran Church**. **If payment is not made by November 25th your plant will not be ordered.**

- 6" – 5 or more flowers - \$9.00**
- 8.5" – 12-15 or more flowers - \$27.00**
- 12" – Jumbo, 20 or more flowers - \$49.00**



All flowers will be red with gold foil. The sign-up sheet will be on the white board in the narthex and include your money in the envelopes provided on the table in the back of church. Then place the envelope in the basket. *In Memory or Honor of* will be included in bulletin.

Your 2021 Grace Lutheran Offering Envelopes are available in the narthex of the Church. Please feel free to pick your envelopes up and we thank you for your continued support of our Church, School, and Early Childcare Center through the stewardship of your time, talents, and treasures! God bless you! **Please do not use until January 2021.**

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

Thanksgiving Baskets

One of our favorite ways to serve our community is to work with our local Lutheran Food pantries and ministries to give families in need a Thanksgiving meal. This is Brookfield Lutheran Church's 20th year and their goal is to make and distribute 1006 baskets! Each basket includes a full turkey meal for 6 people. A suggested donation of \$30 per basket will be accepted through online giving.

bit.ly/blcthanksbasket



Milwaukee Lutheran High School's National Honor Society Fruit Sale

Need some vitamin C? Need some Christmas gifts? Want items delivered right to your door? This is the sale for you!!

What: Oranges, grapefruit, apples, pears, toffee, pecans, marmalade

When: Orders can be placed through November 23

Fruit will be delivered in December, before Christmas

How: <https://shop.floridaindianrivergroves.com/ecommerce/1022809>

Stewardship Minute—In Jesus' time on earth, He chose His disciples in a much different way than the practices of His day. Disciples often chose rabbis for themselves from whom they hoped to gain deeper insights into the meaning of the Torah. In contrast to all this, Jesus told His disciples, *"You did not choose Me, but I chose you...to go and bear fruit"* (John 15:16). Jesus did the choosing and the calling. Even more radical, Jesus called His disciples to a lifetime of commitment. He called them and brought them into a new relationship with Him. In the same way today, Jesus calls and seeks a relationship with us. He invites us to follow Him so we can be part of His family and enjoy His love and blessings. As His disciples, we enjoy God's fellowship, and we are empowered by Him to bear fruit.

AMONG THOSE THINGS FOR WHICH YOU GIVE THANKS ON THANKSGIVING, LET THE GIFT OF YOUR SAVIOR BE AT THE TOP OF YOUR LIST.

“Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!” (2 Corinthians 9:15).



Advent Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries, “God with Us” What better news is there than to know that God is always by our side! In *God with Us*, we learn again what God the Father has done—He has kept His promise. In so doing, He has announced that grace and forgiveness are available to all, freely given in the birth of Jesus: God’s Son, our Savior. He is Immanuel, “God with us.” The story of God coming to earth as a human child is a profound one. In *God with Us*, we find no aloof divinity who is unconcerned and remote somewhere in the cosmos. Rather, He is deeply involved in all our affairs—our joys as well as our heartaches. He *knows* us for He became one of us. At Christmastime, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, Lord of the universe, Savior of the world, Shepherd of our lives. *These Advent Devotions are available in the Narthex of our Church and include our Holiday Worship times here at Grace.* Please feel free to pick one up and share it with a neighbor, coworker, friend, or family member to invite them to worship with us at Grace during this Holiday Season as we celebrate the birth of our dear Savior Jesus Christ.



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 LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Catechism: Lord's Prayer—Introduction and First Petition

Verse of the week: 2 Timothy 3:15, “From childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”

Psalm of the week: Psalm 100

Hymn of the week: (LSB 514) “The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us” (stanza 1)

Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday— The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins—Matthew 25:1-13

Monday— Ruth Gleans Grain in the Field of Boaz—Ruth 2:1-23

Tuesday— Boaz Decides to Redeem Ruth—Ruth 3:1-18

Wednesday— Boaz Receives the Right of Redemption from the Near Kinsman—Ruth 4:1-22

Thursday— Philippians 4:6-20

Friday—1 Timothy 2:1-4

Saturday— Christ is our Righteousness—Jeremiah 23:5-8

“This Thanksgiving, let’s remember exactly what God has bought for us with the blood of His Son—not just anything, but everything that matters: Pardon from sin and release from guilt. Peace with God and a home in heaven. We come empty-handed to this banquet of blessings. No marshmallow-topped side dish of good works can earn us a place at this buffet. We have nothing to offer God in exchange, yet “[t]he LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy” (Psalm 126:3).” *Sarah Habban, Time of Grace – 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.

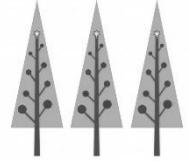
“O Come, Emmanuel: Come, We Pray”

On Thursday nights @ 6:30pm at Grace Lutheran Church during the month of December we will once again be having our Advent Midweek services. We will be following the Service of Prayer & Preaching from Lutheran Service Book. But, we will also be observing the theme for our Advent Midweek Services on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and for our New Year’s Eve Service.

The theme for our special Advent Midweek and Christmas services is “*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*,” derived from both the popular hymn version and the original antiphon version. Maybe a thousand years old or older, it was translated from Latin into rhymed poetry in the mid-nineteenth century by Anglican clergyman Rev. John Mason Neale. The popular version, translated by Rev. Neale in rhymed poetry, often departs from the original Latin. Originally, one antiphon was chanted on each of the seven days before Christmas. The first letter of each Latin title of Christ when put together and read in reverse order spells ERO CRAS, or “*Tomorrow I come*.” The antiphons generally derive from the prophecies of Isaiah. For centuries, one of the most beloved Advent or Christmas songs of the Church has been “*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*.” Not only is the common tune appropriate for the Advent and Christmas season, but so are the lyrics. Each stanza is a prayer for Christ to come according to attributes prophetically ascribed to him, largely in the Old Testament book of Isaiah. It is my prayer that our members of Grace Lutheran Church will be edified and grow to cherish our Savior Jesus who has come, who comes in Word and Sacrament, and who will come on the Last Day.

Holiday Worship Service Schedule

Thanksgiving Eve Service with Communion-Wednesday, November 25th @ 6:30 pm
 Thursday Dec. 3rd 6:30pm-Advent Midweek 1 “O Come, Wisdom” Isaiah 11:2
 Thursday Dec. 10th 6:30pm-Advent Midweek 2 “O Come, Adonai” Isaiah 33:22
 Thursday Dec. 17th 6:30pm-Advent Midweek 3 “O Come, Branch of Jesse” Isaiah 11:1
 Thursday Dec. 24th 4pm, 5:30pm-Christmas Eve “O Come, Key of David” Isaiah 22:22
 Friday Dec. 25th 9:30am-Christmas Day “O Come, Dayspring” Isaiah 9:2
 Thursday Dec. 31st 4:00pm-New Year’s Eve “O King of the Nations, You Have Come” Matthew 2:2



**Growing In Grace
 November 12 & 15, 2020**

Offering

General Offering	\$2,295.00	Attendance	83
On-Line Giving	831.22	Communed	65
Missions	0.00		
Debt Fund	0.00		
Mortgage Offering	25.00		
Lutheran High	0.00		
Bible Study/Sunday School	0.00		
Total	\$3,151.22		

OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday	11/22	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Divine Worship Service Sunday School @ church Adult Bible Study @ church
Monday	11/23	2:30pm 6:30 pm	Divine Worship Service Confirmation Class, school children Confirmation Class, public school @ church
Tuesday	11/24	7:00 am	Men’s Bible Breakfast @ OC Diner
Wednesday	11/25	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study @ church Thanksgiving Eve Service
Saturday	11/28	8:00 am	Rise & Sonshine Bible Study @ church
Sunday	11/29	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Divine Worship Service Sunday School @ church Adult Bible Study Divine Worship/Trim the tree 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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