

# Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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

## The 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

November 12<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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

Ephesians 2:8



*Image: “Enter into the joy of your Master.” (Matthew 25:21b)*

# 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-***"Enter into the Joy of Your Master"*

We read today about three servants. Two were good and faithful. One was evil and faithless. Two enter into the joy of their master. One does not. Our Lord has entrusted us with many good and gracious gifts and sends us into the world to make disciples and multiply the gifts we have received. Yet, it is not our own work that leads us into the joy of our Master; rather, it is our Master's work on our behalf. Jesus' saving work of death and resurrection brings us into the joy of our Master.

## 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—338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (vs. 1-3)



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;  
2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

*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. 143:2, 5-6, 10-11; antiphon: Ps. 143:1*

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!\*

**In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!**

Enter not into judgment with your | servant,\*

**for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.**

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that | you have done;\*

**I ponder the work | of your hands.**

I stretch out my | hands to you;\*

**my soul thirsts for you like a | parched land.**

Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!\*

**Let your good Spirit lead me on | level ground!**

For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!\*

**In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!**

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.

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!\*  
In your faithfulness answer me, in your | 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.**  
**Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**  
C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 1:7-16

*(The Day of the Lord is near.)*

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. <sup>8</sup>And on the day of the LORD’s sacrifice—“I will punish the officials and the king’s sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. <sup>9</sup>On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master’s house with violence and fraud. <sup>10</sup>“On that day,” declares the LORD, “a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. <sup>11</sup>Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. <sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, ‘The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.’ <sup>13</sup>Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.” <sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. <sup>15</sup>A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, <sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

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

Gradual

*Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.\*

**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 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

*(Let us live as children of the light.)*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we

belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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

*Stand*

### **Alleluia and Verse**

- C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### **Verse**

*“Alleluia. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. Alleluia.” (Matthew 25:29a)*

### **Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 25:14-30*

*(The parable of the talents)*

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
- C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup>To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup>So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup>But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup>He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup>But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received

what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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—“Coming Back Soon” (Matt. 25:14-30)** *(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—508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near (vs. 1-5)**



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God’s a - noint - ed,  
 2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,  
 3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing  
 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car - nal plea - sures,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -  
 And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -  
 What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was  
 Who here de - spised His pre - cious Word And loved their earth - ly



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on  
 wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God’s al -  
 dwell - ing, And ev - ’ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be  
 trea - sures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand And at the



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.  
 might - y, bound - less pow’r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.  
 known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.  
 judg - e’s stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

5 My Savior paid the debt I owe  
 And for my sin was smitten;  
 Within the Book of Life I know  
 My name has now been written.  
 I will not doubt, for I am free,  
 And Satan cannot threaten me;  
 There is no condemnation!

**Sermon—“The Joy of the Master” (Matt. 25:14-30)**

## 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."

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 Hymns

#### 809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.  
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn-ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;  
 All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;  
 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

### 783 Take My Life and Let It Be

1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;  
 Take my mo-ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise.  
 Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
 Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.  
 Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it Thine,  
 It shall be no longer mine;  
 Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
 It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
 At Thy feet its treasure store;  
 Take myself, and I will be  
 Ever, only, all for 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—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 Stan Gumm in memory of his wife Sylvia.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

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

**Sylvia Parker** medical tests  
**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)**  
**Roy Lemmer** medical tests  
**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 *Earl Grupe***, who was recently called home to heavenly rest. 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 for the family of Earl Grupe* as they mourn his 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>	Heinz Poellet	Mike Huber	Greg Nowakowski
<u>Readers</u>	Connie McKeag	Cris Evers	Beth Jackson
<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**

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**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 —"BIGGER"** Guest Speaker: Pastor Gerard Bolling. Big problems call for faith in an even bigger God. Pastor Gerard Bolling tells how the God Who is bigger than our problems works through us to bring bigger blessings to the people around us. (Daniel 6) **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

## **Culver's Fundraiser**

Don't feel like cooking?? Please think about going to Culver's (Oak Creek only) on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 10am-10pm. When you present the voucher when ordering, Culver's will donate 10% of the total to Grace Lutheran PTLs. **\*\*VOUCHERS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX.\*\***



## **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.

Email: [bevburetta@yahoo.com](mailto:bevburetta@yahoo.com)

Phone: 414-764-2923

Text or call: 414-303-6565

## **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 25<sup>th</sup>*. **Order with payment** should be made payable to: **Grace Lutheran Church**. **If payment is not made by November 25<sup>th</sup> 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.\*\***

**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.

**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

**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](http://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>

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS AT GRACE!!!**—please take a moment to introduce yourself to our new members here at Grace Lutheran. We welcome these families:

-Nancy, Mark, Reade, Ronan, Regan and Callie Huolihan

-Keith & Jill Nowack

-Pastor Fred & Lori Bischoff

-Kathryn, Andrea, Thomas Szefflinski

-John, David, and Johnny & Scarlett Penn

-Pastor Taggatz & Family—Edward, Roxanne, Martin, Julia, and Eleanor Taggatz

-Jamie Zunker & daughter Payton Weirich

-Ryan, Staci, and Matthew Scherer

### **Stewardship Minute**

God seeks a relationship with each of us. He wants to spend time with us, and He wants us to get to know Him better. Spending time with Him helps us realize how much He loves us and wants His best for us. Martin Luther wrote, "*The life of Christianity consists in its possessive pronouns. It is one thing to say, 'Christ is a Savior'; it is quite another thing to say, 'He is my Savior and my Lord.' The devil can say the first; the true Christian alone can say the second.*" As our relationship grows with

God, we will in turn be useful in helping others experience the happiness and joy that come from a relationship with Him. We will be compelled to tell others about God's love and grace.

## THE LOVE OF MONEY AND WHAT IT CAN BUY REPRESENT A WRONG ALTERNATIVE TO GOD IN YOUR HEART.

“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money” (Matthew 6:24).



### 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 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**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."*

**Psalms of the week:** Psalm 99

**Hymn of the week:** (LSB 790) "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (stanzas 1-2)

**Bible Stories for the Week:**

**Sunday**— Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?—Matthew 22:15-22

**Monday**— The Birth of Samson—Judges 13:1-25

**Tuesday**— Samson's Philistine Wife and His Riddle—Judges 14:1-20

**Wednesday**— The Foxes, Torches, and the Jawbone of a Donkey—Judges 15:1-20

**Thursday**— Samson and Delilah—Judges 16:1-31

**Friday**— The Family of Elimelech and Naomi—Ruth 1:1-22

**Saturday**—The New Heavens and New Earth—Isaiah 65:17-25

"To be sure, our God Father does not give the vocation of a large family to everyone. (And, of course, any quantity of family and offspring He bestows is a great benefit.) But we need not despise proliferation the way the world does. Indeed, we may appreciate and assist our brothers and sisters who engage in this holy (and delightful!) calling. And we may also raise our young ones to cherish procreation and adoption more than any personal preferences or material possessions. The blessings of children always outweigh even the burdens!" *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – 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.*

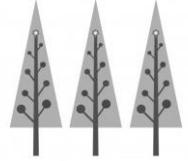
### **"O Come, Emmanuel: Come, We Pray"**

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 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm  
 Thursday Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30pm-Advent Midweek 1 "O Come, Wisdom" Isaiah 11:2  
 Thursday Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm-Advent Midweek 2 "O Come, Adonai" Isaiah 33:22  
 Thursday Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm-Advent Midweek 3 "O Come, Branch of Jesse" Isaiah 11:1  
 Thursday Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 4pm, 5:30pm-Christmas Eve "O Come, Key of David" Isaiah 22:22  
 Friday Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 9:30am-Christmas Day "O Come, Dayspring" Isaiah 9:2  
 Thursday Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 4:00pm-New Year's Eve "O King of the Nations, You Have Come" Matthew 2:2



**Growing In Grace  
 November 5 & 8, 2020**

**Offering**

General Offering	\$4,938.00	<b>Attendance</b>	115
On-Line Giving	1,147.50	<b>Communed</b>	70
Missions	0.00		
Debt Fund	0.00		
Mortgage Offering	50.00		
Lutheran High	0.00		
Bible Study/Sunday School	0.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,135.50</b>		

**OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE THIS WEEK**

<b>Sunday</b>	11/15	<b>8:00 am</b> 9:15 am	<b>Divine Worship Service</b> Sunday School @ church Adult Bible Study @ church
Monday	11/16	<b>10:30 am</b> 2:30pm 6:30 pm	<b>Divine Worship Service</b> Confirmation Class, school children Confirmation Class, public school @ church
Tuesday	11/17	7:00 am	Men's Bible Breakfast @ OC Diner
Wednesday	11/18	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study @ church
<b>Thursday</b>	11/19	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Divine Worship Service</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	11/22	<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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