

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

Oak Creek, Wisconsin
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The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany Lutherans For Life Sunday

January 14th & 17th, 2021

*Celebrate
Teach
Share
God's Grace*

“By His Grace you are saved through faith”
Ephesians 2:8



Image: “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.” (1 Corinthians 6:19–20)

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-"A Temple of the Holy Spirit"

Today we consider the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives. How we live and interact with others is important, for we are representing the Holy Spirit. How we act when we are alone is important, for the Spirit is always present with us, and He has no desire to take part in sin of any kind. As we reflect, we remember the glorious news that we were bought with a price—the blood of Jesus, which forgives all our sins and removes all our shame. For that we are most thankful!

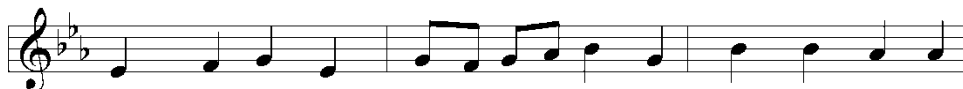
Order of Service...as outlined in your bulletin

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 847 Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing (vs. 1-4)



1 Christ, our hu - man like - ness shar - ing, Heav - en's love on
2 Hear the word that Christ has spo - ken, Help the weak, the
3 Christ, in ev - 'ry con - gre - ga - tion Build Your tem - ple,
4 Come, O liv - ing Christ, re - new us, As of old in



earth por - trayed; Christ the Shep - herd, tend - ing, car - ing,
hun - gry feed; See the pow'rs of dark - ness bro - ken,
stone by stone, With Your word as firm foun - da - tion
wind and flame; With the Spir - it's pow'r en - due us,



In His death our ran - som paid: Christ the Sav - ior,
Sin - ners par - doned, cap - tives freed: Christ the Sav - ior,
For a faith ma - tured and grown: Christ the Sav - ior,
Ser - vants of Your sav - ing name: Christ the Sav - ior,



Christ the Ser - vant, Be Your life in us dis - played.
Christ the Ser - vant, Help us meet our neigh - bor's need.
Christ the Ser - vant, Make in us Your Gos - pel known.
Christ the Ser - vant, Christ whose king - dom we pro - claim.

Stand

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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

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 ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

☩ WORD ☩

Introit *Psalm 68:4-6, 19-20*

P Sing to God, sing praises | to his name; *

C **lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the Lord; exult before him!**

P Father of the fatherless and protector of | widows*

C **is God in his holy habitation.**

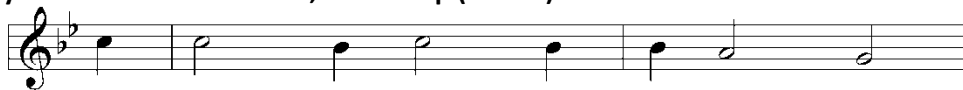
P God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to pros- | perity,*
C **but the rebellious dwell in a | parched land.**

P Blessed be the Lord, who daily | bears us up;*
C **God is our sal- | vation.**

P Our God is a God of sal- | vation*
C **and to God, the Lord, belong deliverances | from death.**

C **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.**

Hymn of Praise 544 O Love, How Deep (vs. 1-7)



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
2 He sent no an - gel to our race,
3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore
4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;
5 For us by wick - ed - ness be - trayed,



Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,
Of high - er or of low - er place,
His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;
For us His dai - ly works He wrought,
For us, in crown of thorns ar - rayed,



That God, the Son of God, should take
But wore the robe of hu - man frame,
For us the tem - ta - tion sharp He knew;
By words and signs and ac - tions thus
He bore the shame - ful cross and death;



Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
And to this world Him - self He came.
For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.
For us He gave His dy - ing breath.

6 For us He rose from death again;
For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7 All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.

Salutation & Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, open our eyes to behold Your great love toward us in the humility of Your Son and to know Him in the least ones, that we may serve You by serving our neighbors, until You gather us together to rejoice as brothers and sisters in Your everlasting kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Lesson—1 Samuel 16:4-13

⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” ⁵And he said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is before him.”
⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.”⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.”⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.”¹⁰And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen these.”¹¹Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.”¹²And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, “Arise, anoint him, for this is he.”¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson—1 Corinthians 12:12-26

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia Verse

"Alleluia. You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified. Alleluia."

Gospel Lesson—John 1:43-51

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."
⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, 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— "From Invisible to Indispensable" (1 Samuel 16:7) *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 844 Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace (vs. 1-5)



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace
2 Break down the wall that would di - vide
3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred speak
4 Give me Thy cour - age, Lord, to speak



To love all peo - ple, ev - 'ry race;
Thy chil - dren, Lord, on ev - 'ry side.
By love - less act and thought - less word.
When - ev - er strong op - press the weak.



And in each per - son may I see
My neigh - bor's good let me pur - sue;
Make me to see the wrong I do
Should I my - self the vic - tim be,



My kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by Thee.
Let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.
Will grieve my wound - ed Lord a - new.
Help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring Thee.

5 With Thine own love may I be filled
And by Thy Holy Spirit willed,
That all I touch, where'er I be,
May be divinely touched by Thee.

Sermon—"Invisible to Indispensable" (John 1:43-51)

Offering Hymn 842 Son of God, Eternal Savior (vs. 1-4)



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and
2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us
oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;
Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,
truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in
Free - ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the
Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of
Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your
sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards
toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered
will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.
thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.
hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

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 onetime 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 (*After each petition the Pastor will say, "Lord in Your mercy," and the congregation responds saying, "Hear our prayer."*)

✠ 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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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 ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

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

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

617 O Lord, We Praise Thee (vs. 1-3)



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!

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 ✠ give you peace.
- C Amen.**

Sit

Closing Hymn 849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (vs. 1-3)



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



- at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
 With the pier - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
 That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
 wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
 glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
 Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!



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>	Mark Olen	Brandon Dachel	Derek Poellet
<u>Readers</u>	Connie McKeag	Cris Evers	Derek Poellet
<u>Acolytes</u>			
<u>Communion Set Up</u>	Suzie Miranda	Jennifer Olen	Jennifer Olen
<u>Linen Care</u>	Gail Nowakowski		Gail Nowakowski

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

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), **Dave Vitek** (serving on the Greenfield Police Department) and **Milw. Police Officers, Norma Manoil** (cancer), **Tom Janes** (healing & strength) Diane Pielsnik's brother, **Cindy Riemer (cancer)**, **Ronnie Boyd** (healing & strength), **Art Hartsmandorfer** (healing & strength) friend of Doc Medek, **Paul Carpenter** (healing & strength) relative of Stephanie Gulizia, **Delores Riemer** (physical therapy on her knee), **Bob Morgan** (healing & strength), **Rob Morgan** (healing & strength) son of Bob & Joanne Morgan, **Valinda** (hospice) Aunt of Glenn Dotson, **Lori Jablonski** (upcoming surgery), **Pastor Fred Bischoff his wife Lori** (healing & strength), **Lori Kachelmeier** (healing & strength), **Jeff Hartig** (healing & strength) father of Alissa Campbell, and **Daniel Sheets** (healing & strength) Great-Grandson of Lowell & Pat Johnson.

For our Homebound Members at Grace:

Betty Lemmer, 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

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 —“Lost in Wonder, Love, and Praise!” Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. The word of Jesus turns us out from ourselves and our problems to the faith, hope, and love that He brings. (Mark 3) **The Lutheran Hour can be heard any time on the internet at: lhm.org** scroll down the page and click on, “listen now.” Or listen to any of these local radio stations on Sunday mornings.

WTMJ	Milwaukee, WI	103.3	FM	Sun	6:30 AM
WTMJ	Milwaukee, WI	620	AM	Sun	5:30 AM
WTMJ	Milwaukee, WI	620	AM	Sun	6:30 AM

Blessings for Baby Shower - A Place of Refuge

January is the month we celebrate. Locally we support *A Place of Refuge*-advocacy program supporting women facing crisis pregnancy. www.aplaceofrefuge.org. We will be collecting items thru January 31...look for the pink tote in the narthex. THANK YOU, Grace Ladies Guild



Items of Need: Winter infant sleepers 9-18 months, bibs, infant board books, infant wash cloths & towels, infant toys, and infant socks.

Free Yarn Available - Pauline Parker has four large bins of yarn that were originally for prayer shawls. If anyone is interested in any or all of this yarn to contact her directly. She has full rolls and bundles of colors.

Greeting Card Ministry

There are cards, stamps, names of shut-ins, prayer lists for anyone to take and send cards to shut ins and those on the prayer line, especially those on the long term prayer list, on the table in the narthex. Pauline Parker has applied to Thrivent Action Team and they will give us \$250 for stamps and cards. Thrivent has approved this project. In a couple of weeks, there will be t-shirts and note pads as well, to keep tract of those who you send cards to.

Please feel free to take the cards, stamps and list of names and a copy of the prayer list, send out the cards even if you don't know the people just to let them know they are being prayed for and that we at Grace care.

2021 Altar Flowers

- The sign-up sheet for 2021 Altar Flowers is posted on the white board in the narthex.
- Place your flower order directly with Parkway Floral: 414.762.0246
- Flowers should be brought or delivered to church before the Thursday service
- You can also supply your own arrangement. Rachel Miliacca will provide you with a vase liner.
- Your flowers will be refrigerated after the Thursday service so they will stay fresh for Sunday's services.

Power Point Team

Pastor Taggatz is looking for a few people that would like to help him with running the Power Point during our worship services. If interested, please contact him directly at 715-467-1231 or jtaggatz@yahoo.com.

Scrip Coordinator needed for the church. If you are interested please contact our church office at 414.762.8990. It will require only a minimal amount of work. Scrip is Fundraising while you shop. Grace Lutheran Church will raise money instantly when families use retail gift cards to pay for everyday purchases, like gas and groceries, instead of credit or debit cards, cash or check. *This volunteer must be a member of Grace Lutheran Church.*

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!

Adult Membership Class at Grace Oak Creek – “God Connects”

We are forming a new adult membership class. It will be on Sundays in January and February 2021 starting on Sunday, January 10th at 1pm and it will go till 3pm each Sunday until Sunday, February 7th, 2021. Whether you have questions about Christ or want to deepen your faith in Him, this class will explore what the Bible says about our God, and how His love gives direction and meaning to your life today and forever. This class is designed for those who are interested in learning or reviewing the foundations of the Christian faith. Attendance at the class may lead to membership in our church, but there are no obligations. Please let us know if you need childcare to attend this new members class. Watch an introductory video at www.lhm.org/GodConnects.

Lenten Midweek Series for Grace Lutheran Church Ash Wednesday, February 17th - Easter Sunday, April 4th, 2021

“Coming Home from Exile: The Exoduses of the Scriptures.”

Join us for this exciting series as we meditate upon Christ’s passion in dying on the cross to save us from our sins. Please note: **ASH WEDNESDAY** will be on February 17th with Holy Communion at 6:30 p.m, there will be no Thursday Evening Service on that week, the Lenten Services following Ash Wednesday will be on Thursday nights at 6:30pm without communion. Here is an overview of the series...

Wed., February 17th 6:30pm with Communion-Ash Wednesday: The Ashes of Paradise Lost, Genesis 3

Thursday, February 25th 6:30pm-Lent 2: Abram’s Exodus before the Exodus, Genesis 12:10–20

Thursday, March 4th 6:30pm-Lent 3: Jacob the Heel Comes Home, Genesis 28:10–17

Thursday, March 11th 6:30pm-Lent 4: “Out of Egypt I Have Called My Son,” Exodus 14

Thursday, March 18th 6:30pm-Lent 5: Exile and Return from Our Babylons, Ezra 1:1–4

Thursday, March 25th 6:30pm-Lent 6: The Promise of a Cosmopolitan Exodus, Isaiah 11:11–16

Thursday, April 1st 6:30pm with Communion-Maundy Thursday: The New and Better Passover Meal of Meals, Exodus 12:1–14

Friday, April 2nd 12:00pm Good Friday Worship **no communion**

Friday, April 2nd 6:30pm Tenebrae Service-Good Friday: Christ, the Firstborn, Is Sacrificed, Exodus 12:21–32

Sunday, April 4th 6:00am Easter Sunrise Service, **No Communion**

Sunday, April 4th 8:30am & 10:30am Easter Sunday Festival Service **with communion**

Stewardship Minute

It is our duty and joy as believers in Christ to spread the holy Word of salvation so that others can enjoy eternity with us. To obey this command requires money. Our churches and those who serve in the church need funds for ministry. Missionaries must be trained and sent into the field. Television and radio programs require money so the gospel can reach those who otherwise would not receive it. Food and clothing must be provided to the poor so that they will be able to be receptive to the good news of the Gospel. How are they to receive this money? The Apostle Paul wrote, *“On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper...”* (1 Corinthians 16:2).

THROUGH OUR SERVICE AND OUR MONEY, GOD BRINGS LOVE AND CARE TO THOSE IN NEED.

“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).



IN THE WORD FOR THE 2nd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Catechism: Sacrament of Holy Baptism: How can water do such great things?

Verse of the week: 2 Corinthians 5:17, *“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”*

Psalm of the week: Psalm 105:23-45

Hymn of the week: (LSB 401) “From God the Father, Virgin-Born” (stanzas 1-2)

Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday— The Wedding in Cana of Galilee—John 2:1-11

Monday— Noah and the Flood—Gen. 6:5, 13, 17-19; 7:11-12, 16-17, 21-23

Tuesday— Noah and the Flood—Genesis 8:1a, 15-22; 9:1-17

Wednesday— The Red Sea—Exodus 13:17–14:31

Thursday— Israel Crosses the Jordan—Joshua 1:1-2, 10-11; 3:1-17

Friday— Naaman’s Leprosy Is Cleansed—2 Kings 5:1-14

Saturday—The Glory of God Is Reflected in Moses’ Face—Exodus 34:29-35

“Abortion isn’t something happening in another state or county or city. It is happening right in our backyards. And now we know many [who have had abortions] attend churches regularly and are sitting in our church pews looking for answers. May the Lord provide the answers needed to send a message of hope and forgiveness as well as proclaiming abortion to not be in God’s will.”
Virginia J. Flo, Minnesota Regional Director & National Conference Director for Lutherans For Life - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org “Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. www.word-of-hope.org; 888-217-8679.

**Growing In Grace
January 7 and 10, 2021**

<u>Offering</u>			Attendance	
<i>General Offering</i>		\$2,517.25		95
<i>On-Line Giving</i>		3,597.99	Communed	67
<i>Missions</i>		10.00		
<i>Debt Fund</i>		0.00		
<i>Mortgage Offering</i>		0.00		
<i>Lutheran High</i>		0.00		
<i>Bible Study/Sunday School</i>		0.00		
Total		\$6,125.24		

OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday	1/17	8:00 am	Divine Worship Service
		9:15 am	Sunday School @ church
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Study @ church
		10:30 am	Divine Worship Service
		1:00 pm	Adult Membership Class
Monday	1/18	2:30 pm	Confirmation Class: school children
		6:30 pm	Confirmation Class: public school
Tuesday	1/19	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast @ OC Diner
Wednesday	1/20	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study @ church
Thursday	1/21	6:30 pm	Divine Worship Service
Saturday	1/23	8:00 am	Rise & Sonshine Bible Study @ church
Sunday	1/24	8:00 am	Divine Worship Service
		9:15 am	Sunday School @ church
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Study
		10:30 am	Divine Worship Service
		1:00 pm	Adult Membership Class @ church

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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