

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

Oak Creek, Wisconsin  
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# The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

## Lutheran Schools Week

January 21<sup>st</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

*Celebrate  
Teach  
Share  
God's Grace*

*"By His Grace you are saved through faith"*  
Ephesians 2:8



*Image:* "Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." (*Jonah 3:1–2*)

**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-*"Listening to God's Call"***

When someone calls you on your phone, do you always answer? In our present day with caller identification, many are apt to let the call go to voicemail to wait and see what the message is and who it's from and at times wait to respond depending on the level of importance. How about when God calls? Especially, if that call is one to repentance? Do you answer? We hear in today's Readings of the response of some. Jonah was a reluctant follower. He went to Nineveh begrudgingly, but through him God would issue a call for the Ninevites to repentance. Jesus would call Simon, Andrew, James, and John to follow Him, and promised that through them, God would issue a call of repentance to many. In Baptism, God has called us to follow Him in a life of faith and repentance, and He promises that through us, others will also be called to that same repentance and new life.

**Order of Service...Divine Service Setting 1, pg. 151**

## We Invite a moment of silence during the prelude for Prayer

As our organist begins the prelude we move from our regular conversations and the happenings of the world around us in order to turn our attention to worship. **Please take these moments as an opportunity to focus on prayer** (Suggested prayers prior to worship may be found on the opening page of your hymnal) and meditation. Make use of this time to look through our service in anticipation of the scripture we will share and the hymns we will sing. God richly bless us as we gather in God's presence today! We hope you will take these moments as a time to transition into worship as we have entered into God's presence through Word and Sacrament.

### ✂ PREPARATION ✂

#### Opening Hymn 856 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve (vs. 1-5)



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol - low You, For -  
2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for a - ges sealed, Whose  
3 O Christ, who led the Twelve A - mong the des - o - late And  
4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev - er trod To



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new:  
words and works a - wak - ened faith, The ways of God re - vealed:  
broke as bread of life for all Your love com - pas - sion - ate:  
serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The near - er reign of God:



Grant us to hear Your call To risk se - cu - ri - ty And,  
In - struct us now, we pray, By Your em - pow'ring Word. True  
Lead us a - long the ways Where hope has near - ly died And  
Send us on ways where faith Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where



bound in heart and will to You, Find per - fect lib - er - ty.  
teach - er, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.  
help us climb the lone - ly hills Where love is cru - ci - fied.  
love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both life and min - is - try.

5 O Christ, the apostles' Lord,  
The martyrs' strength and song,

The crucified and risen King  
To whom the saints belong:  
Though generations pass,  
Our tribute still we bring,  
Our hymns a sacrifice of praise,  
Our lives an offering.

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

C **Amen.**

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

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

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

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

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

✘ WORD ✘

## Introit

Ps. 113:1-2, 4, 7-8; antiphon: Ps. 113:3

From the rising of the sun to its | setting,\*  
**the name of the LORD is | to be praised!**  
Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants | of the LORD,\*  
**praise the name | of the LORD!**  
Blessèd be the name | of the LORD\*  
**from this time forth and for- | evermore!**  
The LORD is high above all | nations,\*  
**and his glory above the | heavens!**  
He raises the poor | from the dust\*  
**and lifts the needy from the | ash heap,**  
to make them sit with | princes,\*  
**with the princes of his | people.**

**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.**

From the rising of the sun to its | setting,\*  
**the name of the LORD is | to be praised!**

## Kyrie

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
C **Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise “*This Is the Feast*”

LSB 155

C This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

*Sit*

*(The Lord causes repentance of the Ninevites through Jonah's preaching.)*

<sup>1</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

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

### Gradual

*Ps. 117:1-2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all | nations!\*  
**Extol him, all | peoples!**  
For great is his steadfast | love toward us,\*  
**and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.**  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;\*  
**bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!**

### Epistle

*1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

*(As time grows short, Paul encourages faithful use of time.)*

<sup>29</sup>This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse

Common Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*

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

*Alleluia Verse "Alleluia. The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel. Alleluia."*

### Holy Gospel

*Mark 1:14-20*

*(Jesus calls the first disciples to follow Him.)*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

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

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

<sup>16</sup>Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### 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—“A Great Lutheran School” (Matt. 20.20-28)** *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 848 Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service (vs. 1-4)**



1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice Bore the weight of  
 2 Still Your chil - dren wan - der home - less; Still the hun - gry  
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till Your love's re -  
 4 Called by wor - ship to Your ser - vice, Forth in Your dear



hu - man need, Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,  
 cry for bread; Still the cap - tives long for free - dom;  
 veal - ing light In its height and depth and great - ness,  
 name we go, To the child, the youth, the a - ged,



Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed, We, Your ser - vants, bring the  
 Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com -  
 Dawns up - on our quick - ened sight, Mak - ing known the needs and  
 Love in liv - ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good - will and



wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart, Con - se -  
 pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the  
 bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring  
 com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



crat - ing to Your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that You im - part.  
 love Your Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.  
 us to tire - less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to share.  
 ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom May Your mer - cy know and live.

**Sermon— “Don’t You Get It?” (Matt. 20:20-28)**

**Sermon Text— Matthew 20:20-28**

<sup>20</sup>Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. <sup>21</sup>And he said to her, “What do you want?” She said to him, “Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.” <sup>22</sup>Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?” They said to him, “We are able.” <sup>23</sup>He said to them, “You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.” <sup>24</sup>And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. <sup>25</sup>But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>26</sup>It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup>and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, <sup>28</sup>even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

- C **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
 I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
 I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
 I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
 in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

**Offering**

During this Covid-19 Pandemic, we will not be passing the offering plates during worship, but will have them at the entrance of the church for people to drop their offerings off before or after the worship service. Thank you for your generosity and support of Jesus Christ our Lord's Kingdom work!!! God bless you!!!

You can now give online. It's easy, fast, and secure. If you're able, we also encourage you to set up recurring giving. Thank you for supporting our mission. Text the word: graceoc to 206-859-9405, use this QR Code or head to our web-site: graceoakcreek.org. You may give a 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*

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

**✠ SACRAMENT ✠**

**Preface**

- 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 T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

**Pax Domini**

LSB 163

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

**Agnus Dei**

LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

**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**

## 801 How Great Thou Art (vs. 1-4)



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er  
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
 3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to  
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y  
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
 die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
 gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
 bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
 ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

*Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

*Stand*

**Post-Communion Canticle**

## Thank the Lord

LSB 164

- C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Post-Communion Collect

- A Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift,  
and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith  
toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

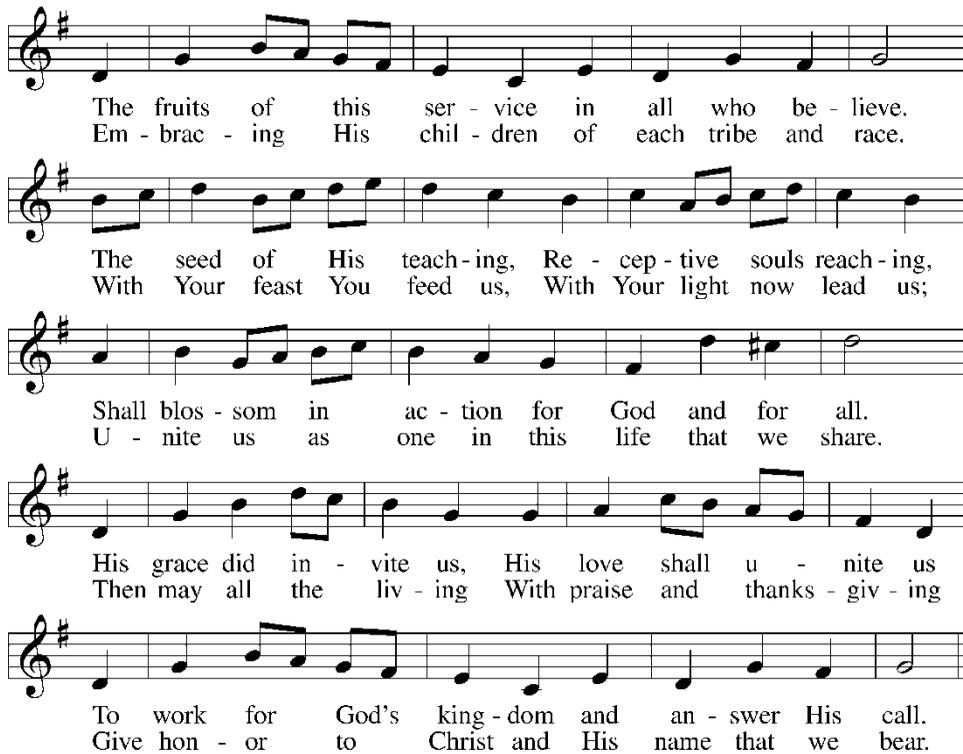
## Benediction

LSB 166

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C Amen.

## Closing Hymn 643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing (vs. 1-2)

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,  
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing, To God ev-er-liv-ing,  
The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.  
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.  
The Sup-per is end-ed, O now be ex-tend-ed  
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,



The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.  
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.

The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,  
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;

Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.  
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.

His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us  
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing

To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.  
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

**Announcements**

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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**✿Altar Flowers✿**

Altar flowers today are given by Connie McKeag.

**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.

Thursday 6:30 pm

Sunday 8:00 am

Sunday 10:30 am

<u>Elders</u>	Lance Kopperud	Glenn Dotson	Greg Nowakowski
<u>Readers</u>	Bev Buretta	Glenn Dotson	Lisa Kamprath
<u>Acolytes</u>			
<u>Communion Set Up</u>	Marlene Voss	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 Milwaukee 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), **Valinda** (hospice) Aunt of Glenn Dotson, **Lori Jablonski** (recovery from 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; **Ben Heinen (healing & strength); Virginia Schmeiser (healing & strength); Pat Groth (healing & strength).**

***For our Homebound Members at Grace:*** Betty Lemmer, Kathy Gaudian, Bernice Byklum, June Roewer, Art Steinborn, Ernst & Patricia Groth, Gloria Kilponen, and Mark Pulkownik.

**We mourn with the families of Doris Krumpo & Verna Jordan, who were called home to heavenly rest this past week.** Verna was Pastor Robert A. Jordan's wife. Pastor Jordan was Grace's very first pastor. 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, Doris Krumpo & Verna Jordan's families*, as they mourn their loved one's recent deaths, 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

## **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**



## **Voter's Meeting after worship on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> after the late service**

**The LCMS Council of Presidents request for congregations to vote on the delay of the Synod Convention for one more year due to ongoing issues with the Covid-19 Pandemic. The Synod has asked for our response before February 15<sup>th</sup>. So, we will be voting on this issue in the late service on the last Sunday in January, the 31<sup>st</sup>.** See the information on the Delay of the Synod Convention below...

**LCMS Congregation Vote to Delay Synod Convention-**COVID-19 continues to impact both the world and the work of the church. Due to ongoing effects of the pandemic, some district presidents have expressed uncertainty that their district conventions will be able to convene at all during 2021. The LCMS Council of Presidents (COP) voted unanimously at their November 2020 meeting to encourage LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison to put before congregations a proposal, per LCMS Constitution Article XI B 8, to delay the 2022 Synod convention one year (to 2023), thus extending the window for district conventions to include also the calendar year 2022. Harrison also consulted with the Synod Board of Directors in accordance with Article XI B 8. The participation of each LCMS congregation in this deliberation and decision is vital as the Synod navigates this historic vote. In a Dec. 7 letter to the entire Synod, Harrison noted: "There are two main problems: The hotel/hospitality/restaurant/convention industry is barely functioning in many places, making preparation difficult or even impossible; and government restrictions on public meetings are placing in doubt the possibility of even holding a district convention. There are currently many states in which our districts cannot legally meet.

"This is not about undue fear of COVID. We face a situation in which a number of districts may only be able

to meet barely long enough to get a minimum amount of business done, or they may be unable to meet at all.” Harrison concluded: “While this is an important matter to consider for our walking together as Synod, it is not a church-dividing issue. Let’s hear each other out, act in good conscience, and together make a decision, one way or another, for the good of our Synod and our shared commitment to proclaim Christ crucified, the hope of the world.”

**Open House for Grace Lutheran School!!!!** On January 27<sup>th</sup> we are having our Grace Lutheran School Open House from 4-7pm which will be by appointment only. Grace Lutheran School is 4k through 8<sup>th</sup> grade and we are in the WI School Choice Voucher program, which helps to pay your child or grandchild's tuition for each Academic year. Please call our school office if interested: 414-762-3655.

**Grace Lutheran Youth Group News**-We will be meeting at Jennifer & Derek Poellet’s house on February 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:30pm to have a devotion, have some special activities, and continue planning for the 2022 LCMS National Youth Gathering. We invite the youth of our congregation from 5<sup>th</sup> Grade through High School to attend our next Grace Lutheran Youth Group Meeting. Derek & Jennifer Poellet’s home is located at: 8040 S. Grewen Drive, Oak Creek.

**Private Communion Service**-We would like to encourage those that have not been attending worship services due to COVID19 to come and partake in private communion. We will provide this service once per month. The next service will be on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:00am-12:00pm. 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.

OUR LATEST GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL PANTHER NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX FOR ANY PARISHIONERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO PICK IT UP TO SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING AT OUR LUTHERAN SCHOOL

### **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](http://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](mailto:jtaggatz@yahoo.com). There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex for you to choose which worship service you would like to help with PowerPoint during worship.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> at 1pm and it will go till 3pm each Sunday until Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.lhm.org/GodConnects).

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR –“Why Jesus Told Parables” Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler**  
Jesus' parables draw His followers out of the crowd and into the circle of His disciples. (Mark 4)  
**The Lutheran Hour can be heard any time on the internet at: [lhm.org](http://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

**Stewardship Minute**

It is impossible to give unselfishly without being blessed in return. In Proverbs 3:10, we are told that, when we give God our first and best, “[our] barns will be filled with plenty.” Proverbs 22:9 tells us, “A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.” Jesus tells us that as we give it will be given back to us (Luke 6:38). God promises us through His Word that He will bless those who give faithfully. The blessings that we can be certain of are spiritual blessings and, for some, financial blessings as well. Giving is a blessing for both the giver and the recipient.



**GOD’S CREATION NEEDED GOD’S WORD TO BEGIN, AND IT NEEDS GOD’S WORD TO CONTINUE.**

“It is He Who made the earth by His power, Who established the world by His wisdom, and by His understanding stretched out the heavens” (Jeremiah 10:12).

**Lenten Midweek Series for Grace Lutheran Church  
Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> - Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm with Communion**-Ash Wednesday: The Ashes of Paradise Lost, Genesis 3  
**Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm**-Lent 2: Abram’s Exodus before the Exodus, Genesis 12:10–20  
**Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm**-Lent 3: Jacob the Heel Comes Home, Genesis 28:10–17  
**Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm**-Lent 4: “Out of Egypt I Have Called My Son,” Exodus 14  
**Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm**-Lent 5: Exile and Return from Our Babylons, Ezra 1:1–4  
**Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm**-Lent 6: The Promise of a Cosmopolitan Exodus, Isaiah 11:11–16  
**Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30pm with Communion**-Maundy Thursday: The New and Better Passover Meal of Meals, Exodus 12:1–14  
**Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 12:00pm Good Friday Worship no communion**  
**Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:30pm Tenebrae Service**-Good Friday: Christ, the Firstborn, Is Sacrificed, Exodus 12:21–32  
**Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 6:00am Easter Sunrise Service, No Communion**  
**Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 8:30am & 10:00am Easter Sunday Festival Service with communion**

**IN THE WORD FOR THE 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**Catechism:** Sacrament of Holy Baptism: What does such baptizing with water indicate? Where is this written?

**Verse of the week:** Luke 9:23, *“If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.”*

**Psalm of the week:** Psalm 106:1-23

**Hymn of the week:** (LSB 414) “’Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here” (stanzas 1-2)

**Bible Stories for the Week:**

**Sunday**—The Transfiguration of Our Lord—Matthew 17:1-9

**Monday**—Jonah Is Swallowed by the Great Fish—Jonah 1:1–2:10

**Tuesday**—The Sign of Jonah—Matthew 12:38-45

Wednesday—Jesus Walks on the Water—Matthew 14:22-36  
Thursday—Jesus Washes the Disciples’ Feet—John 13:1-15  
Friday—Parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin—Luke 15:1-10  
Saturday—The Israelites Demand Water—Exodus 17:1-7

“Today we don’t confess that we are against abortion. We are, of course. But that’s not quite it. Today we don’t confess that we are pro-life. We are, of course. But that’s not quite it, either. Today we confess that God gives life to all things. God makes, and we are made. He makes life, and we leave alive.” *Rev. Christopher Esget, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Virginia - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life -lutheransforlife.org* “Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. [www.word-of-hope.org](http://www.word-of-hope.org); 888-217-8679.

**Growing In Grace  
 January 14 and 17, 2021**

**Offering**

<i>General Offering</i>	\$4,055.00	<b>Attendance</b>	72
<i>On-Line Giving</i>	635.29	<b>Communed</b>	57
<i>Missions</i>	10.00		
<i>Debt Fund</i>	0.00		
<i>Mortgage Offering</i>	0.00		
<i>Lutheran High</i>	25.00		
<i>Bible Study/Sunday School</i>	0.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,725.29</b>		

**OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE THIS WEEK**

<b>Sunday</b>	1/24	8:00 am	<b>Divine Worship Service</b>
		9:15 am	Sunday School @ church
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Study @ church
		<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship Service</b>
		1:00 pm	Adult Membership Class
Monday	1/25	2:30 pm	Confirmation Class: school children
		6:30 pm	Confirmation Class: public school
Tuesday	1/26	7:00 am	Men’s Bible Study & Breakfast @ OC Diner
Wednesday	1/27	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study @ church
Thursday	1/28	6:30 pm	<b>Divine Worship Service</b>

<b>Sunday</b>	1/31	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship Service</b>
		9:15 am	Sunday School @ church
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Study @ church
		<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship Service</b>
		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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