

# Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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

## The Baptism of Our Lord

January 7<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

“By His Grace you are saved through faith”

Ephesians 2:8



*Image:* “We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”  
(Romans 6:4)

# 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-"United with Christ"***

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. Such a day is also a good time to remember our own Baptism. In Baptism, we are buried with Christ. We are united with Him in a death like His. In Baptism, we are also raised to new life as re-creations. As we are united to Christ in death, we will also be united with Him in resurrection when He returns and raises the dead.

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### 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 398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed (vs. 1-5)



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,  
3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;  
4 Kings shall fall down be - fore Him And gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!  
To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;  
Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.  
All na - tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,  
To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,  
Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
To Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.  
Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.  
And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.  
His king - dom still in - creas - ing, A king - dom with - out end.

5 O'er ev'ry foe victorious,  
He on His throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious,  
All blessing and all-blest.  
The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove;  
His name shall stand forever—  
That name to us is Love.

*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. 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Is. 42:1a*

Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*  
**my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.**

I will tell of | the decree:\*

**The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.**

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,\*

**and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.**

You shall break them with a | rod of iron\*

**and dash them in pieces like a potter’s | vessel.”**

Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;\*

**be warned, O rulers | of the earth.**

Serve the | LORD with fear,\*

**and rejoice with | trembling,**

for his wrath is quickly | kindled.\*

**Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.**

**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.**

Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*

**my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.**

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. Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; 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 Reading

*Genesis 1:1-5*

*(God creates the heavens and the earth.)*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

*Romans 6:1-11*

*(We are baptized into Christ's death and resurrection.)*

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Common Alleluia and Verse**

*LSB 156*

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

**Verse** “Alleluia. You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased. Alleluia.” (*Mark 1:11b*)

**Holy Gospel**

*Mark 1:4-11*

*(Jesus is baptized by John.)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.  
**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Stand*

**Nicene Creed**

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

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,**  
**the only-begotten Son of God,**  
**begotten of His Father before all worlds,**

God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

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

*Sit*

**Children's Message—"Remember Your Baptism..." (Mark 1:4-11)** *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 407 To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord (vs. 1-5)



1 To Jor - dan came the Christ, our Lord, To do His Fa - ther's  
2 O hear and mark the mes - sage well, For God Him - self has  
3 These truths on Jor - dan's banks were shown By might - y word and  
4 There stood the Son of God in love, His grace to us ex -



plea - sure; Bap - tized by John, the Fa - ther's Word  
spo - ken. Let faith, not doubt, a - mong us dwell  
won - der. The Fa - ther's voice from heav'n came down,  
tend - ing; The Ho - ly Spir - it like a dove



Was giv - en us to trea - sure. This heav'n - ly wash - ing  
And so re - ceive this to - ken. Our Lord here with His  
Which we do well to pon - der: "This man is My be -  
Up - on the scene de - scend - ing; The tri - une God as -



now shall be A cleans - ing from trans - gres - sion  
Word - en - dows Pure wa - ter, free - ly flow - ing.  
lov - ed Son, In whom My heart has plea - sure.  
sur - ing us, With prom - is - es com - pel - ling,



And by His blood and ag - o - ny Re - lease from death's op -  
God's Ho - ly Spir - it here a - vows Our kin - ship while be -  
Him you must hear, and Him a - lone, And trust in full - est  
That in our Bap - tism He will thus A - mong us find a



pres - sion. A new life now a - waits us.  
stow - ing The Bap - tism of His bless - ing.  
mea - sure The word that He has spo - ken."  
dwell - ing To com - fort and sus - tain us.

5 To His disciples spoke the Lord,  
“Go out to ev’ry nation,  
And bring to them the living Word  
And this My invitation:  
Let ev’ryone abandon sin  
And come in true contrition  
To be baptized and thereby win  
Full pardon and remission  
And heav’nly bliss inherit.”

Sermon— “Acceptance or Repentance...” (Mark 1:4-11)

### Offertory

LSB 159

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

### Offering

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

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

✠ 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 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**

**578 Thy Strong Word (vs. 1-6)**



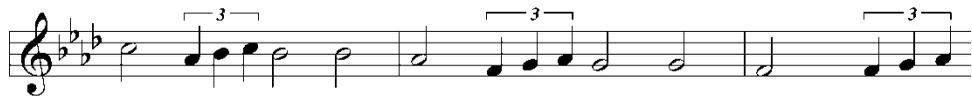
1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as  
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with  
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed  
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of  
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we  
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.  
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,  
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the light which Thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias,  
Alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,  
To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
Praise the holy Trinity!

*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 590 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy (vs. 1-4)



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and  
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your  
3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly  
4 All that I am and love most dear-ly— Re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,  
child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me  
will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er  
Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and  
The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,  
If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I  
Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.  
com - fort me When threat-'ning clouds a - round I see.  
come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.  
am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!



## *Altar Flowers*

Altar flowers today are given by Bev Buretta for a brand new year of hope.

## 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 (COVID-19)** relative of Stephanie Gulizia

**Steve & Joy Gettelman (healing & strength)** Parents of Mr. Gettelman

**Dan Gettelman (healing & strength)** Brother of Mr. Gettelman

**Delores Riemer (physical therapy on her knee)**

**Bob Morgan (healing & strength)**

**Valinda (hospice)** Aunt of Glenn Dotson

**Lori Jablonski (upcoming surgery)**

**Pastor Fred Bischoff his wife Lori (healing & strength)**

**Cindy (ongoing tests)** daughter of Rick & Cathy Weeks

### **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 family of Keith Nowack**, as they grieve over the recent death of his mother, *June Nowack*. 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 Keith's* family as they mourn his mother's recent death, that casting every care upon you, they may know the consolation of your love. Amen.

***All those on the Grace Prayer Line dealing with long term health and medical issue;  
Hear our prayer.***

**We encourage you to submit prayer requests for worship and/or our prayer line by emailing:**

Paulinemom@aol.com

If you do not have access to a computer you may call:

Prayers for worship:

Requests on prayer line:

10am–3 pm

3pm-9 pm

Church Office

Carol Thurber

Pauline Parker

414-762-8990

414-762-9615

414-764-5574

## Assisting with the Divine Service

We thank God for all those individuals who have been involved in supporting our worship services this week. If you are interested in assisting in any of the ways shown below, please speak with pastor or one of our elders.

<u>Elders</u>	<u>Thursday 6:30 pm</u>	<u>Sunday 8:00 am</u>	<u>Sunday 10:30 am</u>
<u>Readers</u>	Lance Kopperud	Glenn Dotson	Heinz Poellet
<u>Acolytes</u>	Suzie Mirenda	Erica Vitek	Beth Jackson
<u>Communion Set Up</u>	Suzie Mirenda	Jennifer Olen	Andrea Szefflinski
<u>Linen Care</u>	Gail Nowakowski		Jennifer Olen
			Gail Nowakowski

### **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** —"The Backstory Behind a Bible 'Contradiction'" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. When you open yourself up to hearing the backstory behind the apparent contradiction, you may encounter what the Bible is all about. (Mark 2:13-28) **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

**Grace Lutheran Oak Creek Youth Group Meeting-On Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm we will be having a Youth Group Meeting at Grace Lutheran Church to talk about our plans for the year of 2021.** We will be discussing when our Youth Group will be meeting on a monthly basis here at Grace, about future events for our Youth Group, and the possibility of attending the 2022 LCMS National Youth Gathering. Youth at Grace ages 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade are eligible to attend.

***“From Invisible to Indispensable!”*** is Lutherans For Life’s theme for Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, which is set for **January 17th, 2021**. Our Life Sunday 2021 theme is based on 1 Corinthians 12:22: **“On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable ...”** (ESV) Please join us as we celebrate God's precious gift of life!!!

### **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.

**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).

**We have a new program at Grace. It’s called, “Pastors and Elders Caring for the Church and Each Other.”** In order to better serve our parishioners spiritual, mental, and emotional needs Grace’s Elders will be regularly contacting our members through phone and email. Please don’t be caught off guard by this. We are just trying to better serve our members spiritual needs and also develop a closer relationship with the families of our congregation.

**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).

**Mitten Tree**

Thank you for your generosity! The South Milwaukee Human Concerns ministry value our donations!

Hats - 69  
Mitten/Gloves - 54 pairs  
Scarves - 16

Thank you again! ~Grace Ladies Guild

## Stewardship Minute

Without the Holy Spirit, we could not acknowledge Jesus as the Lord of our lives or live our lives as God-pleasing stewards. The Apostle Paul wrote, “*Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says ‘Jesus is accursed!’ and no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except in the Holy Spirit*” (1 Corinthians 12:3). By grace, then, as called and equipped believers, empowered by the Holy Spirit to be stewards, we can serve as Sunday school teachers, sing in the choir, serve as ushers, give generously, and spend time with the lonely and sick. By our own reason or strength, we can’t be the stewards God wants us to be. In Christ, we are new creations (2 Corinthians 5:17). The Holy Spirit continually reminds us that God initiates all things. Our stewardship is a response to what God has already done for us in Jesus.

**GOD GIVES US THE PRIVILEGE  
AND THE RESPONSIBILITY TO  
SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH  
ALL PEOPLE.**

“God...desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4).



## **IN THE WORD FOR THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

**Catechism:** Sacrament of Holy Baptism: What is Baptism? Which is that Word of God? What benefits does Baptism give? Which are these words and promises of God?

**Verse of the week:** John 3:5-6, “*Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*”

**Psalm of the week:** Psalm 105:1-22

**Hymn of the week:** (LSB 406) “To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord” (stanzas 1 and 4)

**Bible Stories for the Week:**

**Sunday**— The Baptism of Our Lord—Matthew 3:13-17

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**Tuesday**— Behold the Lamb of God—John 1:19-34

**Wednesday**— Nicodemus Comes to Jesus by Night—John 3:1-16

**Thursday**— The Woman at the Well—John 4:1-30, 39-42

**Friday**— The Pool of Bethesda—John 5:1-15

**Saturday**—The Lord Shows Moses His Glory—Exodus 33:12-23

“The world needs your voice to declare Jesus’ words of eternal life. The world needs your voice to declare God’s value of life in all of its stages. The world needs your voice to declare God’s convictions born of His Word. The world needs your voice to declare that God’s word of forgiveness purchased with the blood of Jesus extends to all of us sinners, including those who have chosen abortion. The world needs your voice!” *Rev. David Eibel, Living Word Lutheran Church, Grapevine, Texas – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://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 December 31, 2020 & January 3, 2021

<u><b>Offering</b></u>			<b>Attendance</b>	
<i>General Offering</i>		\$2,845.00		93
<i>On-Line Giving</i>		1,152.20	<b>Communed</b>	55
<i>Missions</i>		50.00		
<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		
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$4,047.20</b>		

### OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	1/10	<b>8:00 am</b> 9:15 am 9:15 am <b>10:30 am</b> 1:00 pm	<b>Divine Worship Service</b> Sunday School @ church Adult Bible Study @ church <b>Divine Worship Service</b> Adult Membership Class
Monday	1/11	2:30 pm 6:30 pm	Confirmation Class, school children Confirmation Class, public school
Tuesday	1/12	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast @ OC Diner
Wednesday	1/13	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study @ church Council Meeting @ church
<b>Thursday</b>	1/14	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Divine Worship Service</b>
Friday	1/15	4:30 pm	Grace Lutheran Youth Group Meeting @ church
<b>Sunday</b>	1/17	<b>8:00 am</b> 9:15 am 9:15 am <b>10:30 am</b> 1:00 pm	<b>Divine Worship Service</b> Sunday School @ church Adult Bible Study <b>Divine Worship Service</b> 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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