

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

Oak Creek, Wisconsin
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The Second Sunday in Lent

February 28th, 2021

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

*Celebrate
Teach
Share
God's Grace*



Image: “Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.” (Psalm 25:6)

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.

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 - "Because God Has Remembered"

The old Latin name for this, the Second Sunday in Lent, is *Reminiscere*, because the Introit pleads, "*Remember Your mercy, O Lord.*" Confidently, it continues by encouraging us to trust Him because "*He has remembered us; He will bless us.*" Indeed, God's promises to Abram in today's Old Testament Reading were kept as Jesus moved unwaveringly toward the cross, as He does in today's Gospel. As a result, we can be sure, Paul reminds us in the Epistle, that we have peace with God. Even in suffering, we know that hope will not disappoint us, for we remember that "*while we were still sinners, Christ died for us*" (Romans 5:8).

Order of Service...Divine Service Setting 4, pg. 203

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 543 What Wondrous Love Is This (vs. 1-4)



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be-
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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. 115:11-13, 18; antiphon: Ps. 25:6

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!

He is their help and their shield.

The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us;

he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

he will bless those who fear the LORD,

both the small and the great.

We will bless the LORD

from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

Kyrie

LSB 204

C Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during the season of Lent...

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

(God makes a covenant promise to Abram.)

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

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

Gradual

Heb. 12:2

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle

Romans 5:1-11

(Grace: Christ died for the ungodly.)

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

Stand

During Lent the Alleluia is omitted...

Verse for the 2nd Sunday in Lent

Mark 8:34b

“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”

(Truly knowing Christ means following Him.)

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

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

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed

LSB 206

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—“Everything on Purpose” (Mark 8.27-38) *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 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart (vs. 1-3)

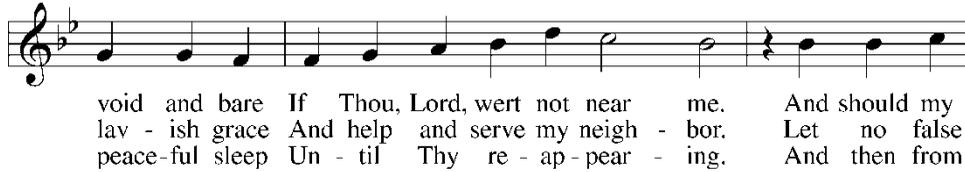


1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from
 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun - ty gave My bod - y, soul, and
 3 Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, To A - br'ham's bos - om

me de - part, With ten - der mer - cy cheer me. Earth
 all I have In this poor life of la - bor. Lord,
 bear me home, That I may die un - fear - ing; And



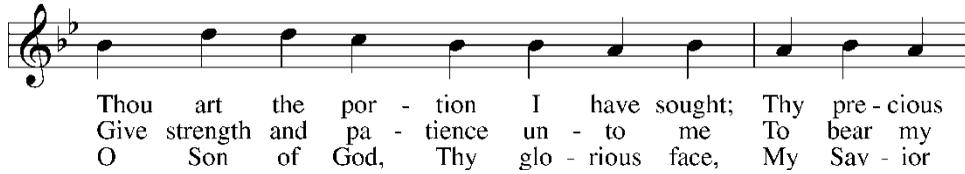
has no plea - sure I would share. Yea, heav'n it - self were
grant that I in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy Thy
in its nar - row cham - ber keep My bod - y safe in



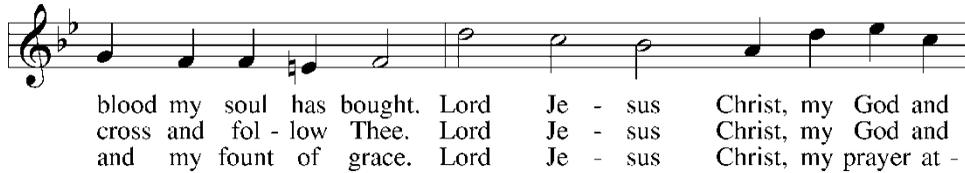
void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my
lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh - bor. Let no false
peace - ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear - ing. And then from



heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake.
doc - trine me be - guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.
death a - wak - en me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,



Thou art the por - tion I have sought; Thy pre - cious
Give strength and pa - tience un - to me To bear my
O Son of God, Thy glo - rious face, My Sav - ior



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -



Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word.
Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford.
tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end.

Sermon "The Cost of Following Jesus" (Mark 8.27-38)

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

LSB 208

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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208

- C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

- 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

- 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 209

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

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

C O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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

725 Children of the Heavenly Father (vs. 1-4)



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

C O Lord, now let Your servant
 Depart in heav'nly peace,
 For I have seen the glory
 Of Your redeeming grace:
 A light to lead the Gentiles
 Unto Your holy hill,
 The glory of Your people,
 Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father,
 All glory to the Son,
 All glory to the Spirit,
 Forever Three in One;
 For as in the beginning,
 Is now, shall ever be,
 God's triune name resounding
 Through all eternity.

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.

Benedicamus and Benediction

- A Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.
- 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 688 "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake (vs. 1-5)



- 1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in My
2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly
3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with
4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your



- way a - bid - ing; De - ny your - selves, the world for - sake,
life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;
love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex - press,
soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,



- O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -
I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My
From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

For all who worship this day, bless us through your Word, O Lord. Morgan Parker (healing & strength) Pauline Parker's granddaughter, 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, Valinda (hospice) Aunt of Glenn Dotson, Lori Jablonski (healing & strength); Virginia Schmeiser (healing & strength); Pat Groth (healing & strength); Myles King (blood disorder) son of Meredith & Matthew King; Bev Burette (healing & strength); Sharon McCaigue (healing & strength) sister of Doc Medek & sister-in-law of Ron Savarino; Jim Sauer (healing & strength); Joanne Morgan (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.

*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

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, March 1st 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.

Evangelism Board...Annual Fund Drive for Hunger Task Force

We are blessed to be a blessing. Hunger Task Force has remained open during the pandemic in order to provide services for children, families, and seniors in Milwaukee, while ensuring their operations keep everyone safe and healthy. This season local need is as great as it has been. Pantry traffic is up, and the lingering challenges of the pandemic and unemployment are making it harder for parents and seniors to put food on the table. The best way to support the Hunger Task Force during the pandemic is to make a cash donation, and they will purchase the food to be distributed to those in need. You will have an opportunity to contribute to The Hunger Task Force Fund Drive from Feb.7 through March 7. There will be envelopes on the table in the back of church in which to put your donation. The envelopes can then be placed in the offering plate. Checks should be made out to Grace Lutheran Church. Please write Hunger Task Force in the memo section of your check.



VBS Planning Meeting

Hello Everyone! On Tuesday, March 9th at 6:30pm we will be meeting in the Church Sanctuary where we will have a short VBS Planning meeting. We would like to get the program for VBS that we will use set as well as apply for the Thrivent Action Grant of \$250 so that we will have the money to purchase the VBS program. We look forward to seeing those who are interested in helping out with VBS this summer at the meeting. The dates we are looking to have VBS are June 21st through June 25th and we are looking to have it in the mornings at Grace.



Special Voters Meeting

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, March 21, 2021. The only agenda item we have is to call Anthony Hengst as Grace Lutheran School's new 2nd grade teacher. It is very important that you are in attendance as a quorum is needed.

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.

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.

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. 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.

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!

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.*

LWML SWD Leadership Development Workshops

March 6 at St John's Lutheran in Random Lake

or

March 20 at Good Shepherd Lutheran in Tomah

“Bearing Fruit and Growing in Wisdom”

All women are invited to attend!

Variety of sessions to choose from...*Christian Life Connection, Tech Talk, Going Beyond the Traditional Meeting* and more!

Registration available at www.lwml-swd.org/events/workshop



BEARING FRUIT @ GROWING IN KNOWLEDGE
Colossians 1:9-10

Church Secretary Position

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, 4850 S. Lake Drive, Cudahy, WI 53110, is currently receiving applications, resumes, and cover letters from individuals interested in becoming our Part-Time General Church Secretary. Hours are generally 20-25 hours per week but are flexible. Duties include preparation of church bulletins, other mailings, receptionist, answering phones, maintaining schedules and calendars, etc. Pay is commensurate with experience. If you, or someone you know, is interested in serving St. John Church in this position, please contact our Church Office at 414.481.0520. We are seeking to fill the position ASAP to allow for cross-training prior to May 1, 2021.

Stewardship Minute— The Apostle John tells us “*Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love*” (1 John 4:8). Love fittingly describes the nature of God; His love is revealed in the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ. God expressed His unfathomable love by sending Jesus to live among us and to take upon Himself all the sins of mankind when He suffered and died on the Cross. By God’s grace in Jesus, we become people who commit our lives and blessings to His use. Acknowledging that all we are and have are gifts from God’s love, we become His faithful stewards who show our gratitude through faithful and generous giving.

WE ARE THE RECIPIENTS OF GOD’S GIFTS, AND WE BECOME HIS HANDS, FEET, AND MOUTH IN THE WORLD.

“What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?” (1 Corinthians 4:7).



Lenten Midweek Series for Grace Lutheran Church
“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:** The Lenten Services following Ash Wednesday will be on Thursday nights at 6:30pm without communion. Here is an overview of the series...

- 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 & 10:00am** Easter Sunday Festival Service with communion

IN THE WORD FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Catechism: *What is the Sacrament of the altar? Where is this written? (sung) Who receives this sacrament worthily?*

Verse of the week: 1 Corinthians 11:26, “As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.”

Psalm of the week: Psalm 108

Hymn of the week: (LSB 600) “Mark How the Lamb of God’s Self-Offering” (stanza 1)

Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday— The Canaanite Woman—Matthew 15:21-28

Monday— People Crave Meat—Numbers 11:4-6, 10, 13, 18-23, 31-34

Tuesday— The Feeding of the Five Thousand—John 6:1-21

Wednesday— Jesus Is the Bread from Heaven—John 6:22-44

Thursday— Jesus Is Rejected by His Own—John 6:47-69

Friday— The Word Is Preached to Call to Repentance—Jeremiah 26:1-15

Saturday—Ahab Murders Naboth—1 Kings 21:1-16

“Christians are to show no partiality whatsoever. My brother in Christ who happens to have more melanin than I have in the paper-thin upper level of our skin—while all the skin below the paper is the same—is not of a different race than I. So-called ‘race’ is not even skin deep! That’s mere upper-skin coloring, not race. Varying levels of mere melanin indicate that we’re all coffee beans—some are blonde roast, some are medium or dark or espresso roast, but we’re all coffee, we’re all colored people.” *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James – 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.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR —“Where a Kid Can Be a Kid” Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. An impossible situation need not be a hopeless one. (Mark 10) **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

**Growing In Grace
February 18 & 21, 2021**

<u>Offering</u>				
<i>General Offering</i>	<i>\$4,316.00</i>	<i>Attendance-Ash Wed.</i>	<i>52</i>	
<i>On-Line Giving</i>	<i>\$2,648.89</i>	<i>Communed</i>	<i>38</i>	
<i>Missions</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>Attendance 2/21</i>	<i>71</i>	
<i>Debt Fund</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>Communed</i>	<i>46</i>	
<i>Mortgage Offering</i>	<i>0.00</i>			
<i>Lutheran High</i>	<i>0.00</i>			
<i>Bible Study/Sunday School</i>	<i>0.00</i>			
Total	\$6,964.89			

OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday	2/28	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
Monday	3/1	10:00 am	Private Communion @ church
		2:00 pm	Confirmation Class: school children
		6:30 pm	Confirmation Class: public school
Tuesday	3/2	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast @ OC Diner
		6:30 pm	Stephen Ministry Continuing Education @ church
Wednesday	3/3	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study @ church
		6:30 pm	All Board's Meeting @ church
Thursday	3/4	6:30 pm	Lenten Worship w/o communion
Sunday	3/7	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

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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