

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

Oak Creek, Wisconsin
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The Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 11th & 14th, 2021

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

Celebrate
Teach
Share

God's Grace



Image: “As they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.” (2 Kings 2:11)

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- "Eyewitness to Glory"

There is nothing quite like being an eyewitness, giving a special perspective to share on the event. Peter writes about being on the Mount of Transfiguration as he, James, and John were privileged to have a special vision of the Lord Jesus Christ. He states: *"We were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, 'This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,' we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain"* (2 Peter 1:16b-18). Today, through the words of Scripture, we, too, become eyewitnesses and are given a glimpse of glory in the vision of our transfigured Lord!

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 414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here (vs. 1-5)



1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy
2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy
3 Ful - fill - er of the past And
4 Be - fore we taste of death, We
5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet



glo - ry fills the night; Thy face and gar - ments,
beau - ty to be - hold Where Mo - ses and E -
hope of things to be, We hail Thy bod - y
see Thy king - dom come; We long to hold the
we may not re - main; But since Thou bidst us



like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
li - jah stand, Thy mes - sen - gers of old.
glo - ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.
vi - sion bright And make this hill our home.
leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

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. 99:1-5; antiphon: Ps. 99:9

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;*
for the LORD our God is | holy!

The LORD reigns; let the peoples | tremble!*

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the | earth quake!

The LORD is great in | Zion;*

he is exalted over all the | peoples.

Let them praise your great and | awesome name!*

Ho- | ly is he!

The King in his might loves | justice.*

You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in | Jacob.

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his | footstool!*

Ho- | ly is he!

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.

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;*
for the LORD our God is | holy!

Kyrie

LSB 204

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

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

C To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy,
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; 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

2 Kings 2:1-12 (Elijah goes up to heaven in a whirlwind.)

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." ¹⁰And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." ¹¹And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

- 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 *2 Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6 (Paul writes of God's people being transformed)*

¹²Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end.

¹Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

- C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Verses. 45:2a

Alleluia. You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:2-9 (Jesus is transfigured on a high mountaintop)

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

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

²And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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.

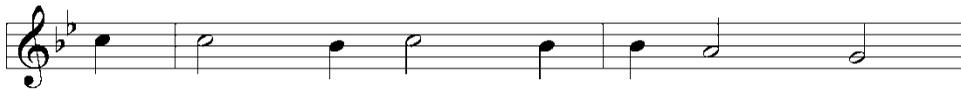
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
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 T of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Children’s Message—“Look at the Clouds” (2 Kings 2:1-12) *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 413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair (vs. 1-5)



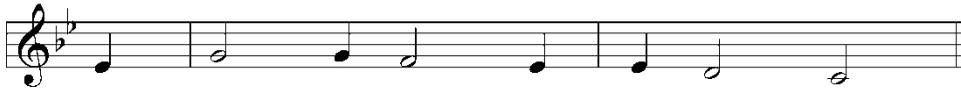
1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah high
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son



Of glo - ry that the Church may share,
 The in - car - nate Lord holds con - verse high;
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day
 By this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,
 And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one,



Which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,
 And from the cloud the Ho - ly One
 What glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove
 For which in joy - ful strains we raise
 We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace



Where bright - er than the sun He glows!
 Bears rec - ord to the on - ly Son.
 Who joy in God with per - fect love.
 The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 To see Thy glo - ry face to face.

Sermon—“Lord Help Us to See Jesus Clearly” (Mark 9.2-9)

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. As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face. 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 Tagatz 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

537 Beautiful Savior (vs. 1-4)



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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.

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

Ecclesiastes 3:1–4, 7

Pastor: This week with Ash Wednesday, we begin our observance of Lent. To highlight the penitential nature of the season, it is the Church's custom to suspend the use of the word "*Alleluia*," which means "*Praise the Lord*." A tradition has been in place since the fifth century not to use the joyful word "*Alleluia*" in worship from the conclusion of worship on the final Sunday before Lent, which is today, until the first service on Easter Sunday. The text of our closing hymn, "*Alleluia, Song of Gladness*," dates back to the eleventh century and links us to a millennium of God's people at worship. We now repeat words from the Book of Ecclesiastes, which remind us that there are appropriate times for all things, including a time to keep silence, which we will observe regarding use of the "*Alleluia*" throughout Lent.

Pastor: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die;

People: a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

Pastor: a time to break down, and a time to build up;

People: a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

Pastor: a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

People: a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.

Pastor: As part of our observance of a holy Lent as it begins this week, we now say farewell to Alleluia until the time of our rejoicing anew at the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Day.

People: Alleluia! 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 417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness (vs. 1-4)



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that
2 Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while
4 There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,
here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions
Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep Thine Eas - ter



Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of
All thy chil - dren sing with thee, But by Bab - y -
Make us for a while for - go; For the sol - emn
With Thy faith - ful saints on high; There to Thee for -



God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.
time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow.
ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Announcements

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**



☼*Altar Flowers*☼

Altar flowers today are given by Duane & Chris Meyer in celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary. They were married at Grace 40 years ago on the 14th, Valentine's Day. Continued blessings to you both!

Assisting with the Divine Service

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

	<u>Thursday 6:30 pm</u>	<u>Sunday 8:00 am</u>	<u>Sunday 10:30 am</u>
<u>Elders</u>	Lance Kopperud	Greg Nowakowski	Brandon Dachel
<u>Readers</u>	Bev Buretta	Glenn Dotson	Lisa Kamprath
<u>Acolytes</u>		Ben Tindall	Tatiana Concepcion
<u>Communion Set Up</u>	Jennifer Olen	Jeanne Meyer	Jeanne Meyer
<u>Linen Care</u>	Char Klipfel		Char Klipfel

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, Delores Riemer (physical therapy on her knee), Valinda (hospice) Aunt of Glenn Dotson, Lori Jablonski (healing & strength), Lori Kachelmeier (healing & strength), Jeff Hartig (healing & strength) father of Alissa Campbell, and Ben Heinen (healing & strength); Virginia Schmeiser (healing & strength); Pat Groth (healing & strength); Tony Mirenda (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.

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow! We thank the Lord that on Sunday February 14th, *Watson Banach, son of Jalee & Joel Banach*, will be baptized into the Christian faith through both water and the power of God's Word in a private baptism here at Grace after our 10:30am worship service! We praise the Lord that *Watson's* name is written in God's book of life!!!

**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

Results of Grace Lutheran Voters Meeting from last week, February 4th & 7th, on whether or not to delay the 2022 LCMS National Convention—44 members voted in favor to delay the Synod Convention by one year and 2 members voted against it. The new members that we approved were: Leigh Schmeiser and Timothy & Christine Cooksy and their children: Patrick and Claire.

Easter Lilies/Plants

To help make our Easter celebration more memorable, Milaeger's is offering a beautiful assortment of plants to celebrate the glorious Easter holiday at significant savings. Please see the sign-up sheets in the narthex and choose your preferred flower/plant. All money and orders need to be placed by February 21, 2021.



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

Grace Lutheran Youth Group News-We will be meeting at Jennifer & Derek Poellet's house on February 26th 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 5th 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.

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.

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.



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.

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!

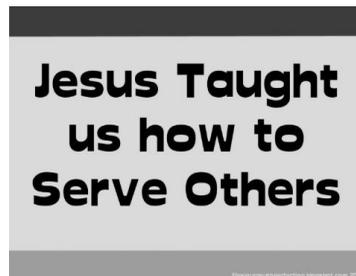
THE LUTHERAN HOUR — "Shines and Saves" Guest Speaker: Rev. Cody Cooper. Jesus surpasses all expectations as we see Him revealed on the Mount of Transfiguration. (Mark 9:2-13) **The Lutheran Hour can be heard any time on the internet at: lhm.org** scroll down the page and click on, "listen now." Or listen 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

Stewardship Minute—Our lives as stewards do not start or stop at certain times of the day or days of the week or month. We are not stewards merely on Sundays or other special days. As stewards for Christ, we are enabled by the Holy Spirit to be devoted to a full-time effort and commitment to serve the Lord with our lives and possessions. Being faithful stewards involves a commitment of our time, talents, and money. We are to commit all that we are, all that we have, and all that we will be to God’s glory. As we diligently and faithfully serve Him, we will hear His words, “*Well done, good and faithful servant*” (Matthew 25:23).

AS GOD’S STEWARDS, WE ARE INSTRUMENTS THROUGH WHICH HE WORKS TO FURTHER HIS KINGDOM AND HELP THOSE IN NEED.

“So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith” (Galatians 6:10).



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

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

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

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

IN THE WORD FOR THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Catechism: Sacrament of the Altar: What is the Sacrament of the Altar? Where is this written?

Verse of the week: 1 Corinthians 10:16, *“The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?”*

Psalm of the week: Psalm 107:17-32

Hymn of the week: (LSB 617) “O Lord, We Praise Thee” (stanzas 1-2)

Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday– Jesus Gives Sight to a Blind Man–Luke 18:31-43

Monday– The Tree of Knowledge and the Tree of Life–Genesis 2:4-17

Tuesday– Man Eats the Forbidden Fruit–Genesis 3:1-24

Wednesday– Nineveh Repents in Sackcloth–Jonah 3:1-10

Thursday– The Passover–Exodus 12:1-14, 17

Friday– The Wedding in Cana of Galilee–John 2:1-11

Saturday–The Fall into Sin–Genesis 3:1-21

“For the Christian, the crucifixion is the center of the whole, the event that gives voice to a broken, dark, and dying world, and the paradoxical suggestion of life somehow within it. This is why the church calendar sets apart forty days to prepare for the cross. This is why the church marks steeples and graves in memory of the crucifixion. The death of Christ is the occasion that makes way for the last to be first, the guilty to be pardoned, the creature united again to its creator.” *Jill Carattini, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org* “Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. www.word-of-hope.org; 888-217-8679.

**Growing In Grace
February 4 & 7, 2021**

<u>Offering</u>				
<i>General Offering</i>		\$7,913.25	Attendance	72
<i>On-Line Giving</i>		\$1,365.07	Communed	45
<i>Missions</i>		500.00		
<i>Debt Fund</i>		0.00		
<i>Mortgage Offering</i>		1,120.00		
<i>Lutheran High</i>		0.00		
<i>Bible Study/Sunday School</i>		0.00		
Total		\$10,898.32		

OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday	2/14	8:00 am	Divine Worship Service
		9:15 am	Sunday School @ church
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Study @ church
		10:30 am	Divine Worship Service
		1:00 pm	Adult Membership Class
Monday	2/15	2:00 pm	Confirmation Class: school children
		6:30 pm	Confirmation Class: public school
Tuesday	2/16	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast @ OC Diner
Wednesday	2/17	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study @ church
		6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday	2/18	6:30 pm	Divine Worship Service
Sunday	2/21	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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