

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 21st, 2021

“By His Grace you are saved through faith”

Ephesians 2:8



Image: “My song is love unknown, My Savior’s love to me, Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be. Oh, who am I That for my sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?” (LSB 430:1)

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- *"Greatness Upside-Down"*

The ancient name for today, the Fifth Sunday in Lent, is *Judica*, the Latin behind "*vindicate*" in the Introit. This Sunday prepares us for next Sunday's review of the Passion. Only in Christ are we truly vindicated. But the emphasis is on our response to God's love and forgiveness. In today's Gospel, Jesus inverts the usual triangle of power into an upside-down pyramid of service. The greatest in God's kingdom, the position sought by His disciples in the Gospel, is now at the bottom, serving everyone above. Jesus is describing Himself! In contrast to priests who repeatedly pray for others and offer sacrifices also for their own sins, Jesus was a one-time priest, offering Himself as the sacrifice while being sinless. In this new covenant, promised in the Reading from Jeremiah, we know of our Lord's great love, now written in our hearts. From the inside out, our desire is to return Christ's sacrificial, forgiving love by serving one another in His name.

Order of Service...Divine Service Setting 3, pg. 184

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 435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain (vs. 1-4)



1 Come to Cal-v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
new - ing flood, God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died,
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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. 116:1– 4, 8; antiphon: Ps. 43:1

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,*

from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!

I love the LORD, because | he has heard*

my voice and my pleas for | mercy.

Because he inclined his | ear to me,*

therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;*

I suffered distress and | anguish.

Then I called on the name | of the LORD:*

“O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!”

For you have delivered my | soul from death,*

my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling.

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.

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,*

from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!

Kyrie

LSB 186

- C **Lord, have mercy upon us.**
- Christ, have mercy upon us.**
- Lord, have mercy upon us.**

During Lent, the Gloria in Excelsis is omitted

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And with thy spirit.**

- P Let us pray. Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and 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

Jeremiah 31:31–34

(A new covenant is coming, written on people's hearts.)

³¹“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

- 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

Hebrews 5:1–10

(Jesus was both one-time priest and sacrifice, dying for all.)

¹For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; ⁶as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.” ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

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

Stand

Verse for the 5th Sunday in Lent

“Even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)

Holy Gospel

Mark 10:35–45

(Jesus teaches about true greatness.)

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.
- C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

³⁵And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to [Jesus] and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” ³⁹And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” ⁴¹And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴²And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

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

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

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

Children’s Message—“Written on Our Hearts” (Jeremiah 31:31-34) *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 430 My Song Is Love Unknown (vs. 1-7)



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior’s love to
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and
5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a -



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their
way; A mur - der - er they save, The Prince of Life they



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
King. Then “Cru - ci - fy!” Is all their breath,
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these
slay. Yet cheer - ful He To suf - f’ring goes



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
Who at my need His life did spend!
And for His death They thirst and cry,
Them - selves dis - please And ‘gainst Him rise.
That He His foes From thence might free.

- 6 In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!

Sermon "A Case of Mistaken Identity" (Mark 10:32-45)

Offertory

LSB 192

- C **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

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 194

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, 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, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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 195

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

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 197

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 197

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

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

C **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.
Amen.**

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

628 Your Table I Approach (vs. 1-6)



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
4 Search not how this takes place. This won - drous mys - ter - y;

Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

- C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all
people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C **and His mercy endureth forever.**

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.**

Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**

A Bless we the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

LSB 202

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.**

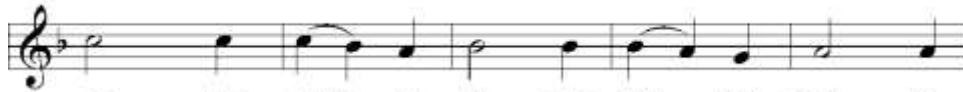
Closing Hymn 700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (vs. 1-4)



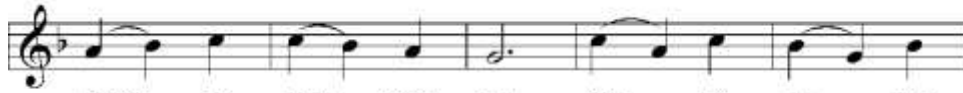
1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us
4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and
heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in
all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -
spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown,
 Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
 turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
 great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
 and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee
 heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart,
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Announcements

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!



✿Altar Flowers✿

Altar flowers today are given by Lori Kachelmeier in memory of her son, Steve.

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	Glenn Dotson	Greg Nowakowski
<u>Readers</u>	Suzie Mirenda	Cris Evers	Derek Poellet
<u>Acolytes</u>		Madilyn Hundt	Payton Weirich
<u>Communion Set Up</u>		Lynn Buzzell	Lynn Buzzell

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), 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; Virginia Schmeiser (healing & strength); Pat Groth (healing & strength); Myles King (blood disorder) son of Meredith & Matthew King; Bev Buretta (healing & strength); Sharon McCaigue (healing & strength) sister of Doc Medek & sister-in-law of Ron Savarino; Keith (stroke) Husband of Jean, a friend of Jim & Janine Pieper.

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

**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***

Sarah Anderson, Church Secretary: T-W-Th, 8:15 am-1:15 pm

Special Voters Meeting TODAY

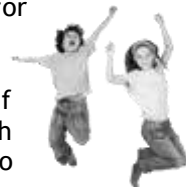
TODAY Sunday, March 21, 2021 after the 10:30am Worship Service we are having a Special Voters Meeting. The only agenda item we have is to call Anthony Hengst as Grace Lutheran School’s new 2nd grade teacher. It is very important that you are in attendance as a quorum is needed.



Choir Practice!!

Choir practice is starting up again. Please join us on Thursday evenings from 7:30-8:00 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Youth Group News - We had 27 youth attend our last meeting at Derek & Jennifer Poellet's house. We thank the Poellets for their hospitality in allowing us to meet in their home on February 26th and for the delicious food that they served! Our next Youth Group meeting will be on Friday, March 26th from 5:30-7:40pm. We will be going to Sky Zone Trampoline Park in Greenfield, WI located at: 4940 S. 76th St. The youth that attend this event are asked to bring non-perishable food items to donate to our local food bank. The cost for Sky Zone will be \$10/kid, which includes pizza & soda for 1 hour and 30 minutes of jump time from 5:30 to 7pm and then we will be able to use their party room for pizza, soda, and a devotion. We hope to see you there!! If anyone needs a ride please contact Jennifer Poellet at 414.759.5685. All youth who jump at the trampoline park have to fill out an online waiver. Go to SkyZone.com and click on Waiver for Sky Zone in Greenfield.



Your 2021 Grace Lutheran Offering Envelopes & 2020 Giving Statements are available in the narthex of the Church. Please feel free to pick your envelopes up as well as your 2020 Giving Statements. 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! If you have health concerns due to COVID-19, please call our church office and we will arrange a way for you to receive your envelopes/statements.

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.

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.*

The Grace Lutheran Easter Socially Distanced Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 3rd at 3:00pm. This Easter Egg Hunt will be for Preschool through 4th Grade and it will be held at Grace Lutheran School. We will be in need of the youth group members and their parents to help out with this event. We are asking for donations of plastic Easter Eggs and candy for this event. Our plan is to have the Preschool through Kindergarten in one group. Then, we will have the 1st-2nd grade in another group hunting for eggs, and finally the 3rd-4th graders in a group. We are inviting the families from our Church, School, and Early Childhood Center to attend this socially distanced event. We want the Grace Lutheran Youth Group members to arrive an hour early on Saturday, April 3rd to help with setting up for the Easter Egg Hunt, so we are asking them to come to the Grace Lutheran School parking lot by 2:00pm on Saturday, April 3rd.



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 track 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.

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. We have had two people sign up to help run PowerPoint so far. However, we still need individuals to help out for the 8:00am worship service on Sunday mornings and the 6:30pm Thursday night worship service as well.

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.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR - "But He Is Strong" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. We might not see weakness as a virtue. And yet, weakness is where God's strength is made perfect. (Mark 14:10-72) 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-In 1 Corinthians 4:1-2, the Apostle Paul writes that we are "*servants of Christ...entrusted with the secret things of God.*" How God honors us! It is not, however, honor without responsibility, for he continues, "*Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.*" Scripture is clear about what God's will for us is. He has given us gifts to be used for building up the Church and for reaching out to the lost. It is our task, as His hands, feet, and mouth to be using all our gifts in order to share the secret things of God with a lost world.

**A STEWARD WHO WALKS WITH GOD
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"...and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do what pleases Him" (1 John 3:22).



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 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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Catechism: Table of Duties—What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; Hebrews 13:17

Verse of the week: Luke 11:28, *“Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”*

Psalm of the week: Psalm 110

Hymn of the week: (LSB 430) “My Song Is Love Unknown” (stanzas 1-2)

Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday— Before Abraham Was, “I AM”—John 8:42-59

Monday— Jesus Is Anointed at Bethany—John 12:1-11

Tuesday— Palm Sunday—John 12:12-26

Wednesday— Sanhedrin Murders Stephen—Acts 6:8-15; 7:51-60

Thursday— Jesus Washes the Disciples’ Feet—John 13:1-20

Friday— The Annunciation of Our Lord—Luke 1:26-38

Saturday— A New Commandment Is Given—John 13:21-38

“We affirm again and again that God handmade all people and Jesus died for all people. And that means ALL lives are valuable and equally loved.” *Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life for Lutherans For Life - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org* “Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. www.word-of-hope.org; 888-217-8679.

**Growing In Grace
March 11 and 14, 2021**

Offering

<i>General Offering</i>	\$4,253.00	<i>Attendance-Thurs 3/11</i>	31
<i>On-Line Giving</i>	0.00	<i>Attendance-Sun 3/14</i>	67
<i>Missions</i>	20.00	<i>Communed</i>	49
<i>Debt Fund</i>	35.00		
<i>Mortgage Offering</i>	0.00		
<i>Lutheran High</i>	10.00		
<i>Bible Study/Sunday School</i>	0.00		
Total	\$4,318.00		

OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday	3/21	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
Monday	3/22	11:30 am	Special Voter's Meeting
		2:00 pm	Confirmation Class: school children
		6:30 pm	Confirmation Class: public school
Tuesday	3/23	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast @ OC Diner
Wednesday	3/24	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study @ church
Thursday	3/25	6:30 pm	Lenten Worship w/o communion
		7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday	3/27	8:00 am	Rise & Sonshine Bible Study @ church
Sunday	3/28	8:00 am	Palm Sunday Worship Service
		9:15 am	NO Sunday School @ church
		9:15 am	NO Adult Bible Study @ church
		10:30 am	Palm Sunday 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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