

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14th, 2021

“By His Grace you are saved through faith”

Ephesians 2:8

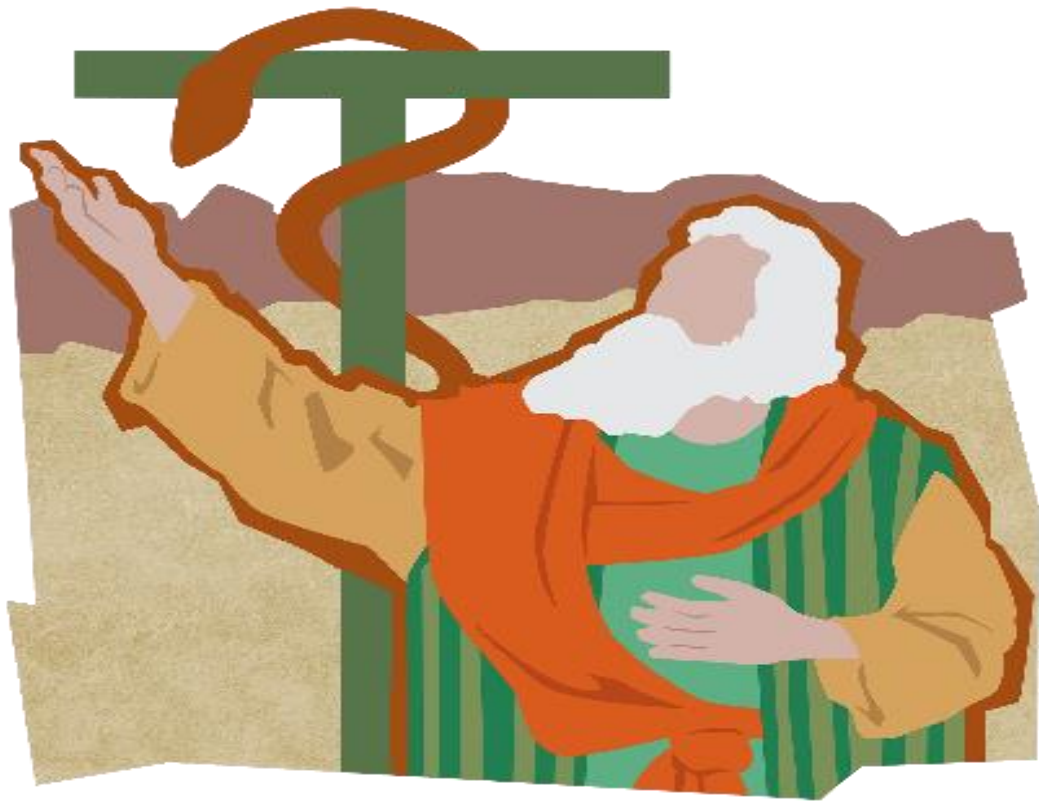


Image: “The LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” (Numbers 21:8)

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- *"From Death to Life"*

Before coming to faith, we were dead in trespasses and sins. But while we were dead and helpless, God made us alive! In the Epistle, Paul writes that God saved us "being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us." But we have not simply been made physically well, like the Israelites in the Old Testament Reading, but we have been given eternal life. The central reason is that "by grace you have been saved through faith." We are His workmanship and in the light of Christ, it is obvious that the credit for whatever works we do must go to our gracious God. We are together with Christ and already, as it were, "with Him in the heavenly places." Now that's really living!

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 837 Lift High the Cross (vs. 1-6)

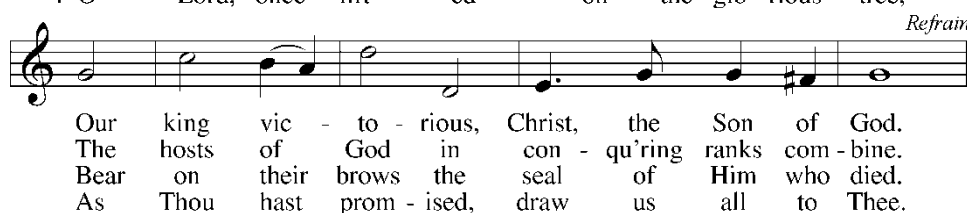
Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till
all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.

1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Cap-tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign,
3 All new-born sol-diers of the Cru-ci-fied
4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,

Refrain



Our king vic-tor-ious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con-quer-ing ranks com-bine.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.

- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

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. 27:3-5; antiphon: Ps. 27:1

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

Though an army encamp against me, my heart | shall not fear;*

though war arise against me, yet I will be | confident.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:*

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his | temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;*
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up- | on a rock.

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.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

C **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.

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, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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

Numbers 21:4-9

(Israelites who look up to the bronze serpent live.)

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the

people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

- 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, despis- | ing the shame,*
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

Epistle

Ephesians 2:1-10

(We are saved by grace.)

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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

Stand

Verse for the 4th Sunday in Lent

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

(All who look up to Jesus on the cross will be saved.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶[Jesus said:] "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God."

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.

Sit

Children’s Message—“Before and After” Ephesians 2:1-10 *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 571 God Loved the World So That He Gave (vs. 1-4)

1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all

Son the lost to save, That all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

Sermon “Jesus Enters Our Darkness to Give Us Light” (John 3:14-21)

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

- P 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.
- C **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.**

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

702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee (vs. 1-4)



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
 3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
 My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
 Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
 Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
 love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be, A liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
 trust re-move; O bear me safe a -bove, A ran-somed soul!

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.**

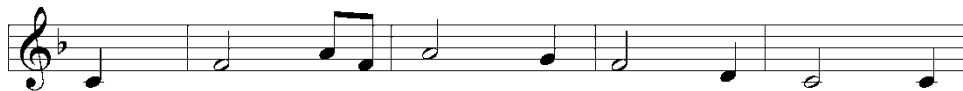
Benediction

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.**

Sit

Closing Hymn 744 Amazing Grace (vs. 1-5)



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

Announcements

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

✿Altar Flowers✿

Altar flowers today are given by Leah Abelt in memory of Denise Goos.

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>	Heinz Poellet	Brandon Dachel	Mike Huber
<u>Readers</u>	Suzie Miranda	Erica Vitek	Beth Jackson
<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 Roewer, Art Steinborn, Ernst & Patricia Groth, and Gloria Kilponen.

We mourn with the family of Mark Pulkownik, who was called home to heavenly rest this past week. Oh Lord, we pray that we may not grieve as those who have no hope, but that we may rejoice in the promise of the resurrection to life everlasting, and that we may encourage one another with these words, *we pray especially for Mark Pulkownik's family, as they mourn his recent death, that casting every care upon you, they may know the consolation of your love. Amen.*

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

**We encourage you to submit prayer requests for worship and/or our prayer line by emailing:
Paulinemom@aol.com**

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

Prayers for worship:		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

Week of 3/14:

Church Secretary, Sarah Anderson: Monday & Tuesday, 8:15am-1:15pm

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 will have to fill out an online waiver. Go to SkyZone.com and click on Waiver for Sky Zone in Greenfield.



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.

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.*

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.

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.



Adult Membership Class at Grace Oak Creek –“God Connects”

We are forming a new adult membership class. It will be a one day course on Saturday March 20th from 9am-3pm at Grace Lutheran Church Oak Creek located at 3381 E Puetz Road. Whether you have questions about Christ or want to deepen your faith in Him, this class will explore what the Bible says about our God, and how His love gives direction and meaning to your life today and forever.

This class is designed for those who are interested in learning or reviewing the foundations of the Christian faith. Attendance at the class leads to membership in our church, but there are no obligations. Please let us know if you need child care to attend this new members class. Watch an introductory video at: www.lhm.org/GodConnects

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.

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.

LWML SWD Leadership Development Workshops

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 Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 8:9, *“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.”* We are humbled by this grace which caused our Lord to leave the glories of Heaven for the degradation of earth. His poverty bought our salvation. Perhaps if we, like Him, shared His goal that *“all people [would] be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth”* (1 Timothy 2:4), we would be eager to become poor in earthly possessions and wealth as we use our resources to spread that truth.

**GOOD WORKS ARE DEEDS DONE IN
SERVICE TO OTHERS PROMPTED
BY LOVE THROUGH FAITH.**

“For we are His’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared, that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10).



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 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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Catechism: Table of Duties—What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors: 1 Corinthians 9:14; Galatians 6:6-7; 1 Timothy 5:17-18

Verse of the week: 1 Corinthians 13:7-8a, *“[Love] bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never fails.”*

Psalm of the week: Psalm 109:21-31

Hymn of the week: (LSB 743) “Jesus, Priceless Treasure” (stanzas 1-2)

Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday— The Feeding of the 5,000—John 6:1-15

Monday— Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin—Mark 14:53-72

Tuesday— Jesus Faces Pontius Pilate—Mark 15:1-15

Wednesday— Herod Antipas Murders John the Baptist—Mark 6:14-29

Thursday— The King of the Jews Is Mocked—Mark 15:16-32

Friday— Jesus’ Death and Burial—Mark 15:33-47

Saturday— The Sacrifice of Isaac—Genesis 22:1-14

“Christ does not refuse our sense of tragedy or awareness of pain. He bears it in love, affirming our condition, carrying our sorrows to the end, all the way to the heart of God.” *Jill Carattini - 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 - "Widow's Mite" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Why did Jesus commend a poor widow who gave all her money to a corrupt institution that oppressed widows? Dr. Michael Zeigler takes a deeper look. (Mark 12: 13-34) **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
March 4 and 7, 2021**

<u>Offering</u>			
<i>General Offering</i>	\$3,596.00	<i>Attendance-Thurs 3/4</i>	27
<i>On-Line Giving</i>	\$1,866.91	<i>Attendance-Sun 3/7</i>	85
<i>Missions</i>	0.00	<i>Communed</i>	64
<i>Debt Fund</i>	1,050.00		
<i>Mortgage Offering</i>	25.00		
<i>Lutheran High</i>	0.00		
<i>Bible Study/Sunday School</i>	0.00		
Total	\$6,537.91		

OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday	3/14	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Divine Worship Service Sunday School @ church Adult Bible Study @ church Divine Worship Service
Monday	3/15		NO Confirmation Class: school children NO Confirmation Class: public school
Tuesday	3/16	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast @ OC Diner
Wednesday	3/17	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study @ church
Thursday	3/18	6:30 pm	Lenten Worship w/o communion
Saturday	3/21	9:00 am	Adult Membership Class @ church
Sunday	3/14	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Divine Worship Service Sunday School @ church Adult Bible Study @ church Divine Worship Service Special Voter's Meeting

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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