

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

Oak Creek, Wisconsin
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3rd Lenten Midweek Service

March 4th, 2021

"By His Grace you are saved through faith"

Ephesians 2:8

*Celebrate
Teach
Share*

God's Grace



"Coming Home from Exile: The Exoduses of the Scriptures"

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—*“Jacob the Heel Comes Home”*

As the mother gave birth to twin boys, the second child exited her womb claspings his older brother's heel (Gen 25:26). So he got the not-so-lofty name of Jacob, which basically means “heel.” This heel-boy, Jacob, was quite adept at walking all over others in a sneaky sort of way. He even duped his old, blind father into giving him the blessing of the firstborn that belonged to his brother, Esau. Such trickery, however, turned out to be his Achilles' heel, for his deception nearly planted him 6 feet under when Esau discovered what his kid brother had done. So to save his own skin, Jacob headed for the hills, exiled from the Promised Land, with little more than the clothes on his back. I take that back. He did not have “little more” than the clothes on his back; he, in fact, had much more, especially after his overnight stay at Bethel. For there God put these words into the pocket of his heart. A word that said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac” (28:13). And a word that said, “I am with you and will keep you wherever you go” (v 15). So, with those words playing over and over in his mind, Jacob walked onward. His back was toward everything he had known, his face toward the unknown, but with this certain promise attending him: that Immanuel traveled alongside him.

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We Invite a moment of silence during the prelude for Prayer

As our organist begins the prelude we move from our regular conversations and the happenings of the world around us in order to turn our attention to worship. **Please take these moments as an opportunity to focus on prayer** (Suggested prayers prior to worship may be found on the opening page of your hymnal) and meditation. Make use of this time to look through our service in anticipation of the scripture we will share and the hymns we will sing. God richly bless us as we gather in God's presence today! We hope you will take these moments as a time to transition into worship as we have entered into God's presence through Word and Sacrament.

✧ PREPARATION ✧

Opening Hymn 531 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus (vs. 1-4)



1 Hail, Thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, Thou Gal - i -
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, All our sins on
3 Je - sus, hail! En - throned in glo - ry, There for - ev - er
4 Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing Thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; Thou didst
Thee were laid; By al - might - y love a - noint - ed, Thou hast
to a - bide; All the heav'n - ly hosts a - dore Thee, Seat - ed
to re - ceive; High - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, Right it



free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, Thou u - ni - ver - sal Sav - ior,
full a - tone - ment made. All Thy peo - ple are for - giv - en
at Thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners Thou art plead - ing;
is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spir - its,



Bear - er of our sin and shame! By Thy mer - it
Through the vir - tue of Thy blood; O - pened is the
There Thou dost our place pre - pare, Ev - er for us
All your no - blest an - thems raise; Help to sing our



we find fa - vor; Life is giv - en through Thy name.
gate of heav - en, Rec - on - ciled are we with God.
in - ter - ced - ing Till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
Sav - ior's mer - its, Help to chant Im - man - uel's praise!

Stand

Opening Versicles

L This is the day which the Lord has made;
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,
C **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.**

L Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,
C **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**

L Christ was wounded for our transgressions.
C **He was bruised for our iniquities.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

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

C The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day:

"Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name,
make known His deeds among the people,
proclaim that His name is exalted."

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously;

let this be made known in all the earth.

Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

Sit

✘ WORD ✘

The Psalmody—Psalm 25

Pastor: ¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

People: ²O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

Pastor: ³Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

People: ⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

Pastor: ⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

People: ⁶Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Pastor: ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

People: ⁸**Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

Pastor: ⁹He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

People: ¹⁰**All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

Pastor: ¹¹For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

People: ¹²**Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.**

Pastor: ¹³His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land.

People: ¹⁴**The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.**

Pastor: ¹⁵My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

People: ¹⁶**Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.**

Pastor: ¹⁷The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses.

People: ¹⁸**Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.**

Pastor: ¹⁹Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred they hate me.

People: ²⁰**Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.**

Pastor: ²¹May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.

People: ²²**Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.**

First Reading— *Genesis 28:10-17*

¹⁰Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. ¹²And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! ¹³And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. ¹⁴Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. ¹⁵Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." ¹⁷And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

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

Second Reading—Luke 22:24-34

²⁴A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵And he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. ²⁷For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.

²⁸“You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, ²⁹and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, ³⁰that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

³¹“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, ³²but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.” ³³Peter said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.”

³⁴Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me.”

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

Responsory

- L We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.
- C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

- L Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

- L We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.
- C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

Stand

Catechism

Ten Commandments

- C **You shall have no other gods.**
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

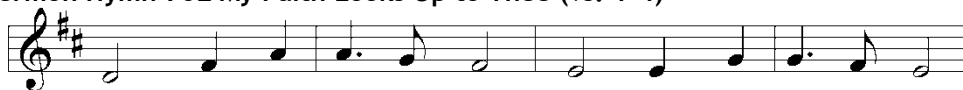
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life T everlasting. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Sermon 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!

Sermon—"Jacob the Heel Comes Home" (Genesis 28:10-17)

Hymn 887 Now the Light Has Gone Away (vs. 1-5)



1 Now the light has gone a - way; Fa - ther, lis - ten while I pray,
2 Je - sus, Sav - ior, wash a - way All that has been wrong to - day;
3 Let my near and dear ones be Al - ways near and dear to Thee;
4 Now my eve - ning praise I give; Thou didst die that I might live.
5 Thou, my best and kind - est Friend, Thou wilt love me to the end.



Ask - ing Thee to watch and keep And to send me qui - et sleep.
Help me ev - 'ry day to be Good and gen - tle, more like Thee.
O bring me and all I love To Thy hap - py home a - bove.
All my bless - ings come from Thee; Oh, how good Thou art to me!
Let me love Thee more and more, Al - ways bet - ter than be - fore.

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

You can now give online. It's easy, fast, and secure. If you're able, we also encourage you to set up recurring giving. Thank you for supporting our mission. Text the word: graceoc to 206-859-9405, use this QR Code or head to our web-site: graceoakcreek.org. You may give a onetime gift or set up your regular weekly/ monthly offering. Those using this method of giving may still bring their envelope if they wish and simply write 'online giving' on the outside and place it in the offering plate.)



Stand

Prayer

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Pastor: O Lord,
People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Christ,
People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Lord,
People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Christ,
People: hear us.

Pastor: God the Father, in heaven,
People: have mercy.

Pastor: God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
People: have mercy.

Pastor: God the Holy Spirit,
People: have mercy.

Pastor: Be gracious to us.
People: Spare us, good Lord.

Pastor: Be gracious to us.
People: Help us, good Lord.

Pastor: By the mystery of Your holy incarnation;
by Your holy nativity;
by Your Baptism, fasting, and temptation;
by Your agony and bloody sweat;
by Your cross and Passion;
by Your precious death and burial;
by Your glorious resurrection and ascension;
and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

People: Help us, good Lord.

Pastor: In all time of our tribulation;
in all time of our prosperity;
in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

People: Help us, good Lord.

Pastor: To prosper the preaching of Your Word;
to bless our prayer and meditation;
to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith;
to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:

People: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

Pastor: To draw all to Yourself;
to bless those who are instructed in the faith,
to watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the forsaken,
the abandoned, and all who stand in need of our prayers;
to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy;
and to have mercy on us all:

People: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

Pastor: To turn our hearts to You;
to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and graciously to hear
our prayers:

People: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

People: we implore You to hear us.

Pastor: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
People:grant us Your peace.

Pastor: O Christ,
People:hear us.

Pastor: O Lord,
People:have mercy.

Pastor: O Christ,
People:have mercy.

Pastor: O Lord,
People:have mercy. Amen.

Collect of the Day

L O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Collect for the Word

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives on reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Evening Prayer

C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

Blessing

L Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
C Amen.

Announcements

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

At this time we leave our service in silent prayer contemplating and meditating on our Lord Jesus' passion in suffering and dying on the cross for our sins.



Assisting with the Divine Service

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

<u>Elders</u>	<u>Thursday 6:30 pm</u>	<u>Sunday 8:00 am</u>	<u>Sunday 10:30 am</u>
<u>Readers</u>	Lance Kopperud	Glenn Dotson	Rick Weeks
<u>Acolytes</u>	Connie McKeag	Glenn Dotson	Lisa Kamprath
<u>Communion Set Up</u>		Madilyn Hundt	Payton Weirich
<u>Linen Care</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, Lori Jablonski (healing & strength); 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.

For our Homebound Members at Grace: Betty Lemmer, Kathy Gaudian, Bernice Byklum, June Roewer, 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

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. Here is an overview of the series...

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

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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