

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 18th, 2021

“By His Grace you are saved through faith”

Ephesians 2:8



Image: “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” (1 John 3:1)

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- "Resurrection Affirmation"

"Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?" (Luke 24:38). These are questions our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ asked of His disciples in another resurrection appearance after that first Easter morning. They are questions that could also be asked of us numerous times in our daily lives as we face trouble and doubts. Yet as Jesus kept on appearing, He kept on showing them Himself, and more than that, He continued to teach and remind them that all that was written was fulfilled in and through Him. Though we cannot physically touch His hands and side, each time we gather, Jesus continues to speak to us, affirming His work, the Word fulfilled, and the worth of humanity for whom He came. Amid troubles and doubts, through Christ, we can *"see what kind of love the Father has given to us"* (1 John 3:1).

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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.** 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 475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing (vs. 1-4)



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
3 Praise we in songs of vic-to-ry That love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris-en Lord, And sing to-day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
strew His way; Let all the world re-joice and say:
can-not die, And sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:
one ac-cord The life laid down, the life re-stored:



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

Introit

Ps. 30:1-5; antiphon: Ps. 16:11b

In your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**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.**

In your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Kyrie

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise—*This Is the Feast*

LSB 155

C **This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people
of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 3:11-21

(Peter preaches salvation through Christ.)

¹¹While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?"

¹³“The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him.

¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

Christ has risen from the dead.

**[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor,
He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
he has put all things under his feet.**

Grace Lutheran Choir: (10:30am only) “Touched by Grace”

Epistle

1 John 3:1-7

(We are God’s children now.)

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

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

Stand

Common Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

- C **Alleluia.**
Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Verse for Third Sunday of Easter

“Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.”

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36-49

(Amid disciples' doubts, the resurrected Christ affirms the fulfillment of God's Word.)

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the

Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, 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 T of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Children’s Message—“Touch Me & See” (Luke 24:36-49) *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 483 With High Delight Let Us Unite (vs. 1-3)



1 With high de-light Let us u - nite In songs of great
 2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in - to life,
 3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord



ju - bi - la - tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,
 all sub-du - ing. His en - e - my Doth van - quished lie;
 ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed



Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us
 His death has been death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall
 To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall His



free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's
 be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Saith He, who
 love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set



ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
 gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.
 free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

Sermon “Jesus’ Resurrection Signals Our Own Resurrection” (Luke 24:36-49)

Offertory

LSB 159

- C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

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 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 160

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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 161

- C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

- 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 162

- 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 163

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

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

- C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

Sit

Distribution

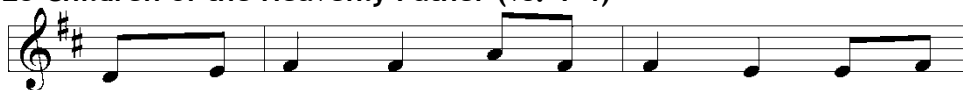
We celebrate the Lord’s Supper

Members of our sister LC-MS congregations are invited to join us for communion. Guests to our Lutheran Church are invited to first speak with Pastor before joining at our Lord’s Table. We hope you will learn more about us as we gather to “*Celebrate, Teach, and Confess*” the Good News of God’s Grace!

Grace Continuous Line Communion-During this Covid-19 Pandemic we are doing continuous line communion here at Grace, we will do the Pulpit side first and then the lectern side, Pastor Taggatz and the Elder on duty will be using a mask and hand sanitizer before and after communion, and if you would like the Elder and Pastor to commune you in the pew, please be sure to let an Elder or an Usher know.

Distribution Hymn

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



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



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



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

Stand

Post-Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord

LSB 164

**C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
 Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
 He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
 with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

LSB 166

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 813 Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng (vs. 1-7)



1 Re - joice, O pil - grim throng! Re - joice, give
2 With voice as full and strong As o - cean's
3 With all the an - gel choirs, With all the
4 Yet on and on - ward still, With hymn and
5 Still lift your stan - dard high, Still march in



thanks, and sing; Your fes - tal ban - ner
surg - ing praise, Send forth the stur - dy
saints on earth Pour out the strains of
chant and song, Through gate and porch and
firm ar - ray, As pil - grims through the



wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.
hymns of old, The psalms of an - cient days.
joy and bliss, True rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
col - umned aisle The hal - lowed path - ways throng.
dark - ness wend Till dawns the gold - en day.



Refrain
Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

- 6 At last the march shall end;
The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. Refrain
- 7 Praise Him who reigns on high,
The Lord whom we adore:
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
One God forevermore. Refrain

Announcements

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God!

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✿*Altar Flowers*✿

Altar flowers today are given by Connie McKeag in memory of
her siblings, Bob, Michaela and Patty.

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	Derek Poellet
<u>Readers</u>	Connie McKeag	Glenn Dotson	Lisa Kamprath
<u>Acolytes</u>		Tommy Szefflinski	Dachs Poellet
<u>Communion Set Up</u>	Janine Tuskowski	Jennifer Olen	Jennifer Olen

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

For all who worship this day, bless us through your Word, O Lord. Michael Parker (healing) Pauline Parker's Son; Tiffany (miscarriage) Amber Kendrick's friend; Pastor Bill Wurm, Pastor Taggatz's father-in-law; Angela Strasse (cancer) friend of Taggatz family; Leigh Schmeiser (healing); Julia Oelke (Army National Guard Medic and her Unit deployed) Debbie Oelke's daughter; 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; Valinda (hospice) Aunt of Glenn Dotson; Virginia Schmeiser (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 & Mary Savarino; David (seriously ill) Brother of Suzie Mirenda; Ron (healing) friend of Lance Kopperud.

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

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



There will be a Voters Meeting here at Grace on Sunday, April 25th after the 10:30am Worship Service. Please plan on attending as your participation as a member of our congregation is very important for the ministries here at Grace Lutheran Church, School, and Early Childhood Center. Topics of the meeting will include: Pastor's Update, Updates from Church Boards, a Presentation of Next Year's Church Budget for the fiscal year of 2022, and voting in new members here at Grace.

Thank you for your donation of the beautiful Easter Flowers!!! Their beauty and fragrance were breathtaking this past Sunday as we celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. After worship today you are welcome to take your Easter flowers home with you. If you forgot what you ordered, see the labels on the bottom of each flower pot. Thank you for helping to make our Church beautiful for Easter!!!

UPDATES TO THE GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH DIRECTORY—Please see the Current Church Directory on the table in the Narthex of the Church. We are currently trying to update our Church Directory and we would like you to make sure that we have your current email address, physical address, and phone number(s). Also, if you have a family or friend here at our congregation that you see needs their information revised and updated please let us know of changes to their information as well. We would like to print up a new Church directory by June of 2021. Also, please let us know if you would like certain information in the directory private from the officially published directory that we plan on giving to our congregation members.

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.



Please Support Your Local Thrift Store!—LCFS operates five thrift stores which help to support services for adoption, mental health, family counseling and substance abuse. Each store is run by amazing volunteers and support their communities by providing an outlet for clothing and household items to be reused and repurposed, offering affordable prices and by donating surplus items to local homeless or veteran shelters. All stores are now open with new safety and sanitation policies for donations and shopping. Please consider supporting these essential stores and the mission they support. Volunteers are in need at each store for a variety of tasks and services.

- Hours and additional information can be found at www.lcfswi.org.
- The Economy Center - 7814 W. Burleigh, Milwaukee, WI (414) 442-2272

Tele-health (virtual) counseling now available-Did you know that the counselors of Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin are available for virtual counseling sessions? For those struggling with any mental health issue such as depression, anxiety, trauma, an addiction or relationship issues, professional help is just a phone call away. Through faith-based Christian counseling, there is an opportunity to model Christian faith and share the promises of the Gospel while utilizing clinical expertise and skill. Speaking with a counselor can help reduce anxiety, monitor depression, control addictive behavior, identify triggers and create solutions to instill hope and faith. Most insurance plans accept telehealth/virtual counseling as a viable option to conduct therapy. Check with your plan in advance to see if this is covered or the staff at LCFS can assist you. Call 800-291-4513 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Adoption Services-Whether you or someone you love is facing an unplanned pregnancy or you are considering growing your family through adoption, the professional counselors at Lutheran Family and Counseling Services of Wisconsin (LCFS) can help. Our staff helps everyone involved explore the social, financial and emotional issues involved in a decision to keep and raise a child or placing a child for adoption. All of the children served in our adoption program are placed in strong Christian families and we ensure we provide the best outcome for all involved – the birth parents, the adoptive families and most importantly, the child. LCFS is proud to serve the entire state of Wisconsin and welcomes all who are considering adoption. Learn more at www.lcfswi.org/adoption-services, where you can send a confidential message, or contact us at 800-291-4513.

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.

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.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR - "One Greater Than Mrs. McCallister" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Where does one go to hide from God? Dr. Michael Zeigler says the book of Jonah is about God, on a mission to get through to you. (Jonah 1) **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-Through faith that comes from the Holy Spirit working through God's Word and Sacraments, we are empowered to love others. When we are obedient to God's Word and love others, many good things happen. We worship and praise God. We provide some kind of benefit to our neighbors, and we receive God's peace. When we live as faithful and loving followers of Jesus, we give evidence that the Holy Spirit lives in us. Jesus taught that people would recognize His followers by their love for one another (John 13:35).

**WE DEMONSTRATE OUR TRUST
BY SERVING OTHERS AND GIVING
OUR FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO
GOD THROUGH OUR CHURCH.**

"But I trust in You, O Lord; I say,
You are my God" (Psalm 31:14).



IN THE WORD FOR THE 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Catechism: Table of Duties—To Husbands: 1 Peter 3:7; Colossians 3:19

Verse of the week: Romans 8:31b-32, *“If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?”*

Psalm of the week: Psalm 114

Hymn of the week: (LSB 483) “With High Delight Let Us Unite” (stanza 1)

Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday—Jesus, the Good Shepherd—John 10:11-16

Monday— Jesus Eats Breakfast by the Sea of Tiberias—John 21:1-14

Tuesday— Jesus Restores Peter—John 21:15-25

Wednesday— The Ark of the Covenant Is Captured—1 Samuel 3:21—4:18 (19-22)

Thursday— The Ark Brings Judgment upon the Philistines—1 Samuel 5:1—6:1

Friday— The Ark of the Covenant Is Returned to Israel—1 Samuel 6:1—7:1

Saturday— To Whom Will You Liken the Lord—Isaiah 40:25-31

April 18: “Hang on to Jesus, my dear friend. In Him and Him alone is true life—both now and forever. Though God’s work in the world may be hard to understand sometimes, we rejoice and celebrate as we look forward to all that He has in store for us.” *Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffman, The Lutheran Hour—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 April 8 & 11, 2021

<u>Offering</u>		Attendance	95
<i>General Offering</i>	\$26,189.25	Communed	73
<i>On-Line Giving</i>	1,375.08		
<i>Missions</i>	0.00		
<i>Debt Fund</i>	1,000.00		
<i>Mortgage Offering</i>	0.00		
<i>Lutheran High</i>	25.00		
<i>Bible Study/Sunday School</i>	0.00		
Total	\$28,589.33		

OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday	4/18	8:00 am	Divine Worship Service
		9:15 am	Sunday School @ church
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Study @ church
		10:30 am	Divine Worship Service
		1:30 pm	Youth Group Bowling Outing-South Shore Bowl
Tuesday	4/20	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast @ OC Diner
Wednesday	4/21	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study @ church
Thursday	4/22	6:30 pm	Divine Worship Service
		7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday	4/24	8:00 am	Rise & Sonshine Women's Bible Study
Sunday	4/25	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
			Voter's Meeting: Immediately after church

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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