

# Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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

## The Ascension of our Lord

May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

“By His Grace you are saved through faith”

Ephesians 2:8



*Image:* “As they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight.”  
(Acts 1:9)

**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- *"Jesus Is Enough"***

*"I'll see you soon!"* So says the parent, spouse, or friend leaving for an errand or a short trip, with certainty that time together will soon be had again. *"I'll see you soon!"* so says Jesus as He departs and ascends into heaven. And though it has not been hours or days or even weeks, rather nearly two thousand years later, we still hold to the certainty of His promise that we shall see Him again soon at His time. Until that day, though, we are wise to not stay looking up into the sky, as the disciples began to do long ago. Rather, we heed His mission to make disciples and keep ourselves prepared for that day. Even as we long to see Him soon, we know that Jesus is enough for us every day, and we take comfort in the fact that our ascended Lord Jesus remains present with us now, in this life, even amid troubles and trials. We hold on to His promises by the faith given, and we anticipate that joyful day when He will come again in the same way He was taken up into heaven.

# Order of Service...Divine Service Setting 4, pg. 203

## We invite a moment of silence during the prelude for Prayer

As our organist begins the prelude we move from our regular conversations and the happenings of the world around us in order to turn our attention to worship. **Please take these moments as an opportunity to focus on prayer.** 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 493 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing (vs. 1-6)



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New  
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -  
3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why  
4 "You see Him now, as - cend - ing high Up



hymns through - out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia,  
on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia,  
stand and gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia,  
to the por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
al - le - lu - ia! And with His faith - ful fol - l'wers  
al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior," thus they  
al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall



trod, As - cends un - to the throne of  
see Their Lord as - cend in maj - es -  
say; "This is His glo - rious tri - umph  
see Re - turn - ing in great maj - es -



God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
ty. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
day!" Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
ty." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



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

5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,  
And be our future great reward.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Then, throned with You forever, we  
Shall praise Your name eternally.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
All praise to You let earth accord:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are, while endless ages run,  
With Father and with Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

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

C **Amen.**

### ✠ WORD ✠

#### Introit

*Ps. 110:1, 4-5; antiphon: Ps. 47:5*

God has gone up with a shout,

**the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand,

**until I make your enemies your footstool.”**

The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind,

**“You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”**

The Lord is at your right hand;

**he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.**

**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.**

God has gone up with a shout,

**the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

#### Kyrie

*LSB 204*

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

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

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

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C **Amen.**

*Sit*

## First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

*(Ascension of Jesus)*

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

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.**

Choir - “I Am Free” Sunday at 10:30 am

## Epistle

*Ephesians 1:15-23*

*(Thanksgiving and prayer through our risen and ascended Savior)*

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints,

<sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,

<sup>18</sup>having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

*Stand*

### **Alleluia and Verse**

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

### **Verse for The Ascension of Our Lord**

*“Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Alleluia.”*  
(Romans 6:9; Matthew 28:20b)

### **Holy Gospel**

*Luke 24:44-53*

*(Jesus fulfills all Scripture.)*

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

<sup>44</sup>Then 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.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And 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.” <sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup>and were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

### **Nicene Creed**

*LSB 206*

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

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

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

*Sit*

**Children's Message—"Up! Up! And Away!" (Acts 1:1-11)** *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 492 On Christ's Ascension I Now Build (vs. 1-3)



1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build The hope of my as -  
2 Since Christ re - turned to claim His throne, Great gifts for me ob -  
3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Re - call - ing Your as -



cen - sion; This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled All doubt and  
tain - ing, My heart will rest in Him a - lone, No oth - er  
cen - sion, That I may serve You faith - ful - ly In thanks for



ap - pre - hen - sion; For where the Head is, there as well I  
rest re - main - ing; For where my trea - sure went be - fore, There  
my re - demp - tion; And then, when all my days will cease, Let



know His mem - bers are to dwell When Christ will come and call them.  
all my thoughts will ev - er soar To still their deep - est yearn - ing.  
me de - part in joy and peace In an - swer to my plead - ing.

## Sermon "Jesus is All You Need" (Acts 1:1-11)

**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.)



## Rite of Confirmation | Sunday at 10:30 am

P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord’s bidding. Jesus said, “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R *Yes, I do.*

P Do you renounce the devil?

R *Yes, I renounce him.*

P Do you renounce all his works?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?

R *Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.*

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

R *Yes, I believe 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.*

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

R *Yes, 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 everlasting.*

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

R *I do.*

P Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R *I do.*

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

*The catechumens kneel to receive the confirmation blessing. The pastor places his hands on the head of each candidate and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:*

P [Name], the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

C **Amen.**

*Stand*

P Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that they may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and preserve them from false and dangerous doctrines, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen them to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable them to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and their neighbor and to bear the cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Peace T be with you.

C **Amen.**

*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 208*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 208

- C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Having revealed Your glory in the face of Your only-begotten Son, who suffered, died, and rose for our salvation, You have exalted Him to the highest majesty at Your right hand, that He might graciously fill all things. Grant us faithfully to eat and drink this Holy Supper, trusting our reigning Savior Jesus, who, though unseen in His ascended glory, is here present to save by His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

- C Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

LSB 209

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

C

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 You take the sin of the world away;  
 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 You take the sin of the world away;  
 Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Sit***Distribution****We celebrate the Lord's Supper**

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

**Grace Continuous Line Communion**-*During this Covid-19 Pandemic we are doing continuous line communion here at Grace, we will do the Pulpit side first and then the lectern side, Pastor 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****707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways (vs. 1-4)**

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat-utes still!  
 2 Or - der my foot - steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin - cere;  
 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict - er watch to keep;  
 4 Make me to walk in Thy com-mands—'Tis a de - light - ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!  
 Let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, But keep my con-science clear.  
 And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re - store Thy wan-d'ring sheep.  
 Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

**Nunc Dimittis**

LSB 211

C

O Lord, now let Your servant  
Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory  
Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles  
Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people,  
Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.

**Post-Communion Collect**

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

**Benedicamus and Benediction**

- A Let us bless the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**
- P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn 865 Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain (vs. 1-4)**



1 Lord, help us ev - er to re - tain The Cat - e -  
2 Help us Your ho - ly Law to learn, To mourn our  
3 Hear us, dear Fa - ther, when we pray For need - ed  
4 Lord, when we fall or go a - stray, Ab - solve and



chism's — doc-trine plain As Lu - ther taught the  
 sin and from it turn In faith to You and  
 help from day to day That as Your chil - dren  
 lift us up, we pray; And through the Sac - ra -



Word of truth In sim - ple style to ten - der youth.  
 to Your Son And Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One.  
 we may live, Whom You bap - tized and so re - ceived.  
 ment in - crease Our faith till we de - part in peace.

**Announcements**

**Pastor:** Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

**People:** Thanks be to God!



**⊗Altar Flowers⊗**

Altar flowers today are given by Tony & Suzie Miranda in honor of Suzie's birthday.

**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>	Mark Olen	Glenn Dotson	Greg Nowakowski
<u>Readers</u>	Suzie Miranda	Erica Vitek	Beth Jackson
<u>Communion Set Up</u>	Suzie Miranda	Jeanne Meyer	Jeanne Meyer
<u>Linens</u>	Char Klipfel	Char Klipfel	Char Klipfel

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*For all who worship this day, bless us through your Word, O Lord. Michael Parker (healing) Pauline Parker's Son; 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 Miranda; Ron (healing) friend of Lance Kopperud; Melvin Tesch (cancer) former parishioner of Pastor Taggatz.*

*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**

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:30 am-1:00 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:30 am-1:00 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:30 am-1:00 pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:30 am-1:00 pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>(Pastor's Day Off)</b>

**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**



**Congratulations to our Grace Lutheran Confirmation Students!**

God's blessings to ***Carsen & Matthew*** upon their journey with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior that was started on the day of their baptisms and has continued to their Confirmation TODAY! Congratulations to them as they have confirmed their Christian faith that God gave to them in their baptism!

**Matthew Edgar Campbell | Confirmation verse:** Psalm 51:10, *"<sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."*

**Baptismal Date:** 5/27/2007

**Carsen Jerome Serdynski | Confirmation verse:** Joshua 1:9, *"<sup>9</sup>Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."*

**Baptismal Date:** 1/28/2018

**Grace Outings Presents...Cheers to Faith, Fellowship & Friendship**

Mark your calendars and meet us at the 2021 Grace Beer Garden Tour!

Bring family, friends and a bag chair. The first stop on the tour is at:

Whitnall Park Beer Garden, 8831 N. Root River Parkway, Greendale on

Friday, May 21, 2021 from 4-9:00pm. Find us under the Sun Flag!



**Youth Group Service Project in May**—On Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:30-3:30pm our youth group is planning to do some yard work and a few other projects that our Board of Properties has planned for them to help with. Our youth group, 5<sup>th</sup> grade through high school, are invited to assist with these projects. We will be meeting at the school parking lot. Please plan on wearing clothing that you are willing to get dirty, as we will be working outside on both properties.

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.

**Did you know that Grace Lutheran Church sells SCRIP???**

Scrip is a **No-Cost Fundraiser** that helps to support the ministries here at Grace for our Lutheran Church, School, and ECC. Scrip are gift cards that we buy from various restaurants, gas stations, and grocery stores to name a few and then sell at face value to you. Examples include: Woodmans, Kwik Trip, Meijer, Menards, Culvers, Kohls, to name a few. Each merchant sets their own discount percentage, so some scrip purchases *earn more* than others. The gift cards you purchase earns a certain percentage for our church, school, and ECC. Gail Nowakowski is our new Scrip Coordinator. We have some cards available for purchase after each service. A full list of vendors is available upon request.

**Our Board of Properties has determined the need to replace one of the rooftop furnaces at our school, and the boiler in our church needs repairs.** The estimated cost for both projects will be approximately \$11,000. *\*\*There are envelopes in the narthex for your donations towards this project.\*\* Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to support the completion of these necessary projects.*



**CALLING ALL GRADUATES!!!** Graduation is coming up for our 8<sup>th</sup> Graders at Grace, but also for those in our congregation that are graduating from high school and college. On Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> we will be acknowledging those individuals in our congregation. We are asking that any high school or college student of our congregation that is graduating join us for this event. They may also wear their cap and gown to be recognized for their graduation.

Please let us know what school they are graduating from, and if it is from college, what is their major? We will publish this information in the church bulletin on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please email this info to our church secretary, Sarah at: [church@graceoakcreek.org](mailto:church@graceoakcreek.org)

**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 changes to their information as well. We will be printing 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.

## **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE STARTS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

We will be switching to our Summer Schedule here at Grace starting Memorial Day weekend. This means that our Sunday morning worship time will be at 9:00am starting on Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> and this will go through Labor Day Weekend. There will not be Sunday School and Adult Bible Class during the summer. Thursday evening worship at 6:30pm will remain the same throughout the summer. We look forward to seeing you in worship!!!



## **Congratulations to our New Members Here at Grace Lutheran!**

**We look forward to your fellowship with us in God's Word and Sacrament.** When you have a moment, please feel free to introduce yourself to our new members and welcome them here at Grace!!! The new members we have received at Grace recently are:

- ❖ Tim & Christine Cooksy and their children: Patrick and Claire
- ❖ Leigh Schmeiser
- ❖ Mary Savarino
- ❖ Paul & Nina McKinster and their son: Jack
- ❖ Amber Kendrick and her son: Dylan
- ❖ Craig & Courtney Salzer and their children: Gabriella & Drew
- ❖ Alexandra & Cory McIntosh and their children: Cameron & Everly
- ❖ Joel & Jalee Banach and their son: Watson

### **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](mailto: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.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR - "Gain a Heart of Wisdom"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Fear, love, and trust in the Lord is the way to Wisdom in person, and we meet God's eternal wisdom in Jesus, the Messiah. (Psalm 90:12) **The Lutheran Hour can be heard any time on the internet at: [lhm.org](http://lhm.org) scroll down the page and click on, "listen now."** Or listen to any of these local radio stations on Sunday mornings.

WTMJ	Milwaukee, WI	103.3	FM	Sun	6:30 AM
WTMJ	Milwaukee, WI	620	AM	Sun	5:30 AM
WTMJ	Milwaukee, WI	620	AM	Sun	6:30 AM

**Stewardship Minute**-In the explanation of Third Article of the Apostle' Creed, we read, *"I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith..."* Through this explanation of the Third Article of Sanctification, we are helped to understand the work of the third Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, in both bringing us to faith and in nurturing our faith. Through faith, we are compelled to use our lives and resources to serve others and extend God's kingdom.

**AS GOD'S STEWARDS, WE ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR ALL THAT HE ENTRUSTS TO US.**

"Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy" (1 Corinthians 4:2).

## IN THE WORD FOR THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

**Catechism:** Table of Duties—To Employers and Supervisors: Ephesians 6:9; To Youth: 1 Peter 5:5-6

**Verse of the week:** Revelation 21:4, “*God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.*”

**Psalm of the week:** Psalm 118:1-14

**Hymn of the week:** (LSB 539) “Christ Is the World’s Redeemer” (stanza 1)

**Bible Stories for the Week:**

**Sunday**— The Coming of Persecution—John 15:26—16:4

**Monday**— Goliath the Philistine Giant—1 Samuel 17:1-19

**Tuesday**— David Journeys to the Battlefield—1 Samuel 17:20-37

**Wednesday**— David Kills Goliath—1 Samuel 17:32, 37-54

**Thursday**— Saul Resents David—1 Samuel 17:55—18:16

**Friday**— David Marries Michal—1 Samuel 18:17-29

**Saturday**— The Tower of Babel—Genesis 11:1-9

“Christ Jesus has risen from the dead, my friend, and everything is different. It changes everything: the whole course of human events, the whole meaning of history, the whole present, and the whole future. Christ has risen, and that changes everything.” *Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffman, The Lutheran Hour – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)* “Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. [www.word-of-hope.org](http://www.word-of-hope.org); 888-217-8679.

### OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	5/16	<b>8:00 am</b> 9:15 am 9:15 am <b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship Service</b> Sunday School @ church Adult Bible Study @ church <b>Divine Worship/Confirmation Service</b>
Tuesday	5/18	7:00 am	Men’s Bible Study & Breakfast @ OC Diner
Wednesday	5/19	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study @ church
<b>Thursday</b>	5/20	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Divine Worship Service</b>
Friday	5/21	4:00 pm	Grace Beer Garden Tour: Whitnall Park
Saturday	5/22	8:00 am 1:30 pm	Rise & Sunshine Bible Study Youth Group Clean-Up Day

<b>Sunday</b>	5/23	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship Service</b>
		9:15 am	Sunday School @ church – last one
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Study @ church – last one
		<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship Service</b>

### 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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