

# Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

Oak Creek, Wisconsin  
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## The 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

*Celebrate  
Teach  
Share  
God's Grace*

"By His Grace you are saved through faith"  
Ephesians 2:8



**Image:** *"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land." (Jeremiah 23:5)*

**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 - "*A Righteous Shepherd-King*"**

We enjoy lives of liberty and freedom—freedom especially from any oppressive or tyrannic political government. Spiritually, however, we are not free, but slaves to sin and death. Spiritually, we need a deliverer, a Savior, a benevolent king. Paul reminds us of how, because of sin, being apart from God we had no hope. But he points us to Christ Jesus, who came to bring us near to the one hope of salvation by His blood. Jesus is the saving King who takes away your sin and delivers you through death. The Shepherd's compassion is for all and is for you. The title "King" was placed above His head on the cross. Now by His victory, all earthly sovereigns cast their crowns before Him. Receive His compassionate rule today as He brings us near to Himself by His Word and Sacraments and calls you blessed.

## 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

#### 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is (vs. 1-6)



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant  
love He sought me And on His shoul - der  
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.  
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight  
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

- 6 And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever!

*Stand*

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

### **Confession & Absolution**

LSB 203

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

*Psalm 147:7-11; antiphon: Psalm 145:16*

You open your hand;  
    **you satisfy the desire of every living thing.**  
Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;  
    **make melody to our God on the lyre!**  
He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth;  
    **he makes grass grow on the hills.**  
He gives to the beasts their food,  
    **and to the young ravens that cry.**  
His delight is not in the strength of the horse,  
    **nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,**  
but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,  
    **in those who hope in his steadfast love.**

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.

You open your hand;  
    **you satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

Kyrie

*LSB 204*

C Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 204*

C 1 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.

2 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—

3 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. Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C **Amen.**

*Sit*

#### Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 23:1-6 (The righteous Branch)*

<sup>1</sup>"Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!" declares the Lord. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: "You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the Lord.

<sup>5</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

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

### Gradual

*Romans 11:33, 36*

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

**How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!**

For from him and through him and to him are all things.

**To him be glory forever. Amen.**

### Epistle

*Ephesians 2:11-22 (One in Christ)*

<sup>11</sup>Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— <sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup>by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup>And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup>in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

- 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.**

## Alleluia Verse for the 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*“Alleluia. Man ate of the bread of the angels; he sent them food in abundance. Alleluia.” (Psalm 78:25)*

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 6:30-44 (Jesus feeds the five thousand.)*

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>30</sup>The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. <sup>35</sup>And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. <sup>36</sup>Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” <sup>37</sup>But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” <sup>39</sup>Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup>So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. <sup>41</sup>And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup>And they all ate and were satisfied. <sup>43</sup>And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. <sup>44</sup>And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

- 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*

Sermon Hymn

644 The Church's One Foundation (vs. 1-5)



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war  
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.  
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more  
 And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;  
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 O bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.  
 That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

**Sermon**

**Guest Pastor: Rev. Roy Peterson**

**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 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. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## 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.

## 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

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

## Agnus Dei

LSB 210

- C 1 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.
- 2 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

642 O Living Bread from Heaven (vs. 1-4)



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well You  
2 My Lord, You here have led - me To this most  
3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can  
4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly



feed Your guest! The gifts that You have giv - en  
ho - ly place And with Your - self have fed me  
death de - stroy. And You have free - ly grant - ed  
food, while here My course on earth is length - ened,



Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, won - drous food of  
The trea - sures of Your grace; For You have free - ly  
The cup of end - less joy. My Lord, I do not  
To serve with ho - ly fear. And when You call my



bless - ing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this  
 giv - en What earth could nev - er buy, The bread of  
 mer - it The fa - vor You have shown, And all my  
 spir - it To leave this world be - low, I en - ter,



gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows.  
 life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.  
 soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore Your throne.  
 through Your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 211*

C 1 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.

2 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 in 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**

*LSB 212*

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

- 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

### 793 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (vs. 1-4)



- 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet your  
2 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple  
3 Fa - ther-like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,  
frame He knows; In His hand He gent - ly bears us,  
face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,  
Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia,  
Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,  
All who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.  
al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.  
al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

## Announcements

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

## ⊗*Altar Flowers*⊗

Altar flowers today are given by Mike & Barb Huber  
in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary.  
Continued blessings to you both!

### 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 9:00 am</u>
<u>Elders</u>	Lance Kopperud	Derek Poellet
<u>Readers</u>	Suzie Mirenda	Glenn Dotson
<u>Communion Set Up</u>	Janine Pieper/ Marlene Voss	Janine Pieper/ Marlene Voss
<u>Linens</u>	Donna Dotson	Donna Dotson

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*For all who worship this day, bless us through your Word, O Lord.* Pam Umaski (healing & strength); Terri Meyer (cancer); 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); Mitchell Pieper (Austin, Texas Police Department) nephew of Jim & Janine Pieper; Kyle Pieper (US Army, deployed in South Korea) nephew of Jim & Janine Pieper; 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); 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; Melvin Tesch (blood disorder) former parishioner of Pastor Taggatz; Gudrun Boyd (recovery from surgery); Jane Durant (healing & strength); Donna Horkan (healing & strength) sister of June Roewer; Greg Puetz (healing & strength); Cris Evers (healing & strength); Joanne (eye surgery) cousin of Bev Buretta; Mary (recovery from surgery) Aunt of Janine Pieper; Jim Pieper (shoulder surgery); LaMae Krug (in hospital); Doc Medek (recovering from eye surgery); John Penn (healing & strength)

**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:**

<b>Prayers for worship:</b>		Church Office	414-762-8990
<b>Requests on prayer line:</b>	10am–3 pm	Carol Thurber	414-762-9615
	3pm-9 pm	Pauline Parker	414-764-5574

**We thank Rev. Dr. Roy Peterson** for leading worship and sharing God’s Word with us today while Pastor Taggatz and his family are away on vacation. May God continue to richly bless him and his family and his ministry to God’s people as the President of Concordia University Foundation, Concordia University, WI.

### **Pastor Taggatz’s Vacation.**

Pastor Taggatz will be on vacation July 5<sup>th</sup> through July 18<sup>th</sup>. While he is on vacation Pastor Doug Schroeder will be taking his pastoral calls. Pastor Schroeder can be reached at: 414-840-6016 or 414-421-2060.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Pastor Paul Nelson will be leading a presentation on his missionary work in Indonesia after the 6:30pm Worship Service on Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. In your bulletin is a prayer card with information on his family and how you can support his mission.

### **Next Beer Garden Tour Stop**

The next stop on the Grace Beer Garden Tour is the South Shore Terrace Beer Garden (2900 S Shore Drive) Milwaukee from 4-7pm on Friday July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bring family, friends, and a bag chair! Find us under the Sun Flag! Hope to see you there!





**Sunday School Teachers are Needed for the Fall of 2020—** Sunday School at Grace begins on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping out with teaching Sunday School this Fall, please contact our Sunday School Superintendent Jill Nowack at: 414-412-8381. Sunday School is for children, Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.

### **Giving Tree**

The *Giving Tree* from our Board of Stewardship is up in our Church Sanctuary. Please consider making a donation to our Grace Lutheran Ministries to help us to continue the mission work of our Church, School, and Early Childhood Center. The needs of our ministries are on the *Giving Tree* for you to take a look at. Also, this year we are offering special gifts of puzzles, devotional literature, and other gift items that we would like to give to our homebound members. Thank you for your ongoing support of the ministries here at Grace!!! If you are giving a monetary donation to one of the ministry needs for Grace please write checks payable to: "Grace Lutheran."

### **Faster Than Your Pastor**

Are you faster than your pastor? Find out at the Faster Than My Pastor 1K, 5K, Run/Walk at Martin Luther High School, Thursday, August 19, 2021 starting at 6:00 PM. Run, walk, and party all night with the Lutheran churches, grade schools, and community of runners. Join us for music, food, games, and more! There is something for all ages and fitness levels. Gather your team, registration is open now at [www.FasterThanMyPastor.org](http://www.FasterThanMyPastor.org)! You can contact Shari DeBraul at [sdebraal@lhsagm.org](mailto:sdebraal@lhsagm.org) for questions about the event.



**LUTHERAN HOUR** -"The Problem and Promise of Deathbed Conversion" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Is a last-minute conversion cause for joy or an insult to lifelong believers? Dr. Michael Zeigler explores both the problem and the promise of deathbed conversions. (Ephesians 2) 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 his book *Today Matters*, John C. Maxwell wrote, "People give not from the top of their purses, but from the bottom of their hearts. If you desire to become a more generous giver, don't wait for your income to change. Change your heart. Do that and you become a giver regardless of your income or circumstance." Giving is more a spiritual issue than a financial one. When our trust is in God, we will give generously to Him by giving to others and to extend His kingdom. Jesus said, "*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also*" (Matthew 6:21). Our checkbooks and receipts reveal what is most important to us. Someone once said, "The heart of the problem is the problem of the heart." May God grant us all loving and giving hearts.

**JESUS EXTENDS HIS LOVE THROUGH US, HIS NEW CREATIONS, TO OUR NEIGHBORS.**

"And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as He has commanded us" (1 John 3:23).



## IN THE WORD FOR THE 8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Catechism**: The Sacrament of the Altar—What is the Sacrament of the Altar? Where is this written? What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

**Verse of the week**: Romans 6:23, “*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*”

**Psalm of the week**: Psalm 119: Samek and Ayin

**Hymn of the week**: (LSB 819) “Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good”

**Bible Stories for the Week**:

Sunday— The Feeding of the 4,000—Mark 8:1-9

Monday— Paul Preaches to the Mob—Acts 21:37—22:16

Tuesday— Paul Is Protected as a Roman Citizen—Acts 22:17-29

Wednesday— Paul Appears Before the Sanhedrin—Acts 22:30—23:10

Thursday— The Plot Against Paul—Acts 23:11-35

Friday— Paul Appears Before Felix the Governor—Acts 24:1-23

Saturday— Paul Appeals to Caesar—Acts 24:24—25:12

“You, too, are one of the people Jesus came to rescue. You are one that He loves enough to suffer and even die for. His intention is to give you life—everlasting life—just as He has risen from the dead and will never die again. He is your king, and He wants you in God’s kingdom.” *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – 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>	7/18	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship Service</b>
Tuesday	7/20	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast @ OC Diner
<b>Thursday</b>	7/22	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Divine Worship Service</b>
		7:30 pm	Pastor Paul Nelson: Presentation on his missionary work in Indonesia
Friday	7/23	4:00 pm	Grace Beer Garden Tour #3: South Shore Terrace Beer Garden, 2900 S. Shore Dr., Milwaukee
<b>Sunday</b>	7/25	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship Service</b>
		10:00 am	Willowcrest Nursing Home Service

**Growing In Grace  
July 8 & 11, 2021**

<b><u>Offering</u></b>			
<i>General Offering</i>	\$4,554.25	<i>Attendance</i>	78
<i>On-Line Giving</i>	2,183.15	<i>Communed</i>	52
<i>Missions</i>	10.00		
<i>Debt Fund</i>	0.00		
<i>Mortgage Offering</i>	700.00		
<i>Lutheran High</i>	0.00		
<i>Bible Study/Sunday School</i>	0.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,447.40</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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