

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

Oak Creek, Wisconsin
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The 15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 2nd & 5th, 2021

*Celebrate
Teach
Share
God's Grace*

"By His Grace you are saved through faith"

Ephesians 2:8



Image: "My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?" (James 2:1-4)

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 "Reflecting the Faithful Work of Jesus"

In today's Readings, James encourages us toward good works of service and love, and Jesus does the good work of healing by restoring a man's hearing and speech. Our faith in Jesus is marked by our reflection of His love and service. While we are not able to do all the things Jesus can do, we are called to reflect His faithful work as we serve in our vocations by loving our neighbors.

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.

Order of Service: Divine Service Setting 1

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Opening Hymn

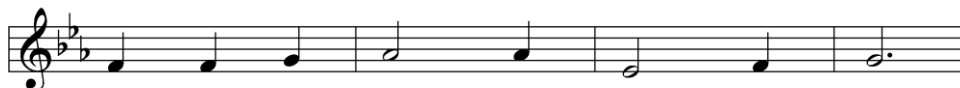
844 Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace (vs. 1-4)



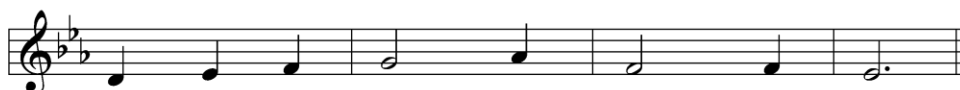
1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace
2 Break down the wall that would di - vide
3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred
4 Give me Thy cour - age, Lord, to speak
5 With Thine own love may I be filled



To love all peo - ple, ev - 'ry race;
Thy chil - dren, Lord, on ev - 'ry side.
By love - less act and thought - less word.
When - ev - er strong op - press the weak.
And by Thy Ho - ly Spir - it willed,



And in each per - son may I see
My neigh - bor's good let me pur - sue;
Make me to see the wrong I do
Should I my - self the vic - tim be,
That all I touch, wher - e'er I be,



My kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by Thee.
Let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.
Will grieve my wound - ed Lord a - new.
Help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring Thee.
May be di - vine - ly touched by Thee.

Confession and Absolution

LSB 151

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 *Psalm 28:1-2, 6-7; antiphon: v. 8*

The LORD is the strength of his | people;*

he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,*

lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down | to the pit.

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help,*

when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.

Blessèd | be the LORD!*

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I am helped;*

my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

The LORD is the strength of his | people;*
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

Kyrie

LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

A 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.**

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to
the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
C **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

P Let us pray. O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants
and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; 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 *Isaiah 35:4-7a*

(God will come and restore all things.)

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*

for those who fear him lack | nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*

but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle *James 2:1-10, 14-18*

(What good is a dead faith?)

¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . .

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food,

¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

C **Alleluia.**

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

15th Sunday after Pentecost Verse

“Alleluia. The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.” (Psalm 147:2-3)

Holy Gospel Mark 7:24-37

(Jesus heals a deaf man in the Decapolis.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁴From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷And he said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹And he said to her, “For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they

proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

LSB 158

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—“Even More Amazing” (Mark 7:24-37) *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

797 Praise the Almighty (vs. 1-5)



1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!
 2 Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - tal;
 3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er
 4 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,
 △ 5 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and
 Earth - born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their
 Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -
 Par - don and peace from Him ob - tain; Ev - er the
 Of Him who does such won - drous things! All that has



an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as
 coun - sels at life’s last por - tal, When the dark
 va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful
 be - ing, to praise Him sole - ly, With hap - py



He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and
 grave en - gulfs its prey. Since mor - tals can no
 hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in
 God He will re - main. He helps His chil - dren
 heart its a - men sings. Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.
 help af - ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.
 Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.
 in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther - less.
 an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!



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!

Sermon “Jesus Bears our Burdens” (Mark 7:24-37)

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 by texting **graceoc** to 206-859-9405, use this QR Code or head to our web-site at graceoakcreek.org. You may give a onetime gift or set up your regular weekly or 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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 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

- 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!

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION PRACTICE—We are offering altar/rail communion as our communion practice. While you are at the altar, please let us know if you would like to receive the Common Cup. Individual communion cups are also available to you. You also have the option to kneel or remain standing during altar/rail communion. Gluten Free communion wafers are also available upon request.

Distribution Hymns:

622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared (vs. 1-8)



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, You have pre - pared This feast for
 2 Al - though You did to heav'n as - cend, Where an - gel
 3 Yet, Sav - ior, You are not con - fined To an - y
 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre - cious



our sal - va - tion; It is Your bod - y
 hosts are dwell - ing; And in Your pres - ence
 hab - i - ta - tion; But You are pres - ent
 Word be - liev - ing That Your true bod - y



and Your blood, And at Your in - vi - ta - tion
 they be - hold Your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,
 e - ven now Here with Your con - gre - ga - tion.
 and Your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.



As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to
 And though Your peo - ple shall not see Your glo - ry
 Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Un - moved by
 This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, All things are



You for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.
 and Your maj - es - ty Till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing,
 an - y dar - ing hand Or sub - tle craft and cun - ning.
 pos - si - ble with You, For You are Lord Al - might - y.

5 Though reason cannot understand,
 Yet faith this truth embraces:
 Your body, Lord, is even now
 At once in many places.
 I leave to You how this can be;
 Your Word alone suffices me;
 I trust its truth unfailing.

7 Grant that we worthily receive
 Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
 And, truly grieving for our sins,
 May prove by our behavior
 That we are thankful for Your grace
 And day by day may run our race,
 In holiness increasing.

6 Lord, I believe what You have said;
 Help me when doubts assail me.
 Remember that I am but dust,
 And let my faith not fail me.
 Your supper in this vale of tears
 Refreshes me and stills my fears
 And is my priceless treasure.

8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,
 Be praised throughout all ages!
 Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
 The world against it rages.
 Grant that this sacrament may be
 A blessed comfort unto me
 When living and when dying.

555 Salvation unto Us Has Come (vs. 1-10)



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and
 2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could
 3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had
 4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un -



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They
 ren - der Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For
 giv - en That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And
 ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus
 man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those
 by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a
 guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
 pure de - sires The spir - it of the
 mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
 poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
 Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
 sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
 guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.

5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled
 Or we must die despairing,
 Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
 Our human nature sharing.
 He has for us the Law obeyed
 And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
 Which over us impended.

8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin
 And makes us conscience-stricken;
 But then the Gospel enters in
 The sinful soul to quicken.
 Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
 The Law no peace can ever give,
 No comfort and no blessing.

6 Since Christ has full atonement made
 And brought to us salvation,
 Each Christian therefore may be glad
 And build on this foundation.
 Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
 Your death is now my life indeed,
 For You have paid my ransom.

9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
 And rests in Him unceasing;
 And by its fruits true faith is known,
 With love and hope increasing.
 For faith alone can justify;
 Works serve our neighbor and supply
 The proof that faith is living.

7 Let me not doubt, but truly see
 Your Word cannot be broken;
 Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!"
 No falsehood have You spoken.
 Baptized into Your precious name,
 My faith cannot be put to shame,
 And I shall never perish.

D 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
 To Father, Son, and Spirit,
 The God who saved us by His grace;
 All glory to His merit.
 O triune God in heav'n above,
 You have revealed Your saving love;
 Your blessed name we hallow.

Stand

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 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.

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.

Closing Hymn

924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (vs. 1-3)



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

Announcements

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!



⊗**Altar Flowers**⊗

Altar flowers this week are given by Stan Gumm
in memory of his wife, Sylvia Gumm.

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); **Julia Oelke** (Army National Guard Medic and her Unit deployed) Debbie Oelke's daughter; **Milwaukee Police Officers**; **Norma Manoil** (cancer); **Tom Janes** (healing & strength) Diane Pielsnik's brother; **Cindy Riemer** (cancer); **Valinda** (hospice) Aunt of Glenn Dotson; **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; **Donna Horkan** (healing & strength) sister of June Roewer; **Greg Puetz** (healing & strength); **Cris Evers** (healing & strength); **Jan Barrett** (recovery from shoulder surgery); **Jay** (cancer) friend of Lisa Kamprath; **Randy** (cancer) Lori Kachelmeier's brother; **Stacy** (healing & strength) daughter of Ron & Mary Savarino; **Tom Adams**, relative of Pauline Parker; **Lori Jablonski** (recovery from surgery); **Darlene Urbaniak** (healing & strength); **Ron & Mary Savarino** (healing & strength); **Doc Medek** (healing & strength); **Mike** (healing & strength) father of Becky Kinzer, school parent, **Bob Morgan** (healing & strength).

For our Homebound Members at Grace: Carol Loveall, 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

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	Dick Jackson
<u>Readers</u>	Pastor Taggatz	Glenn Dotson
<u>Communion Set Up</u>	Janine Pieper & Marlene Voss	Janine Pieper & Marlene Voss
<u>Linens</u>	Gail Nowakowski	Gail Nowakowski

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

During the month of September we will be worshipping at:

- 9:00am on Sunday, September 5th
- 10:00am on Sunday, September 12th for Christian Education Sunday
- Sunday, September 19th we will go back to our Fall/Winter schedule: 8:00am and 10:30am
-Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes start ~ 9:15-10:15am-

(Thursday evening worship will remain the same at 6:30pm)

Grace Youth Group Meeting on Friday Sept. 10th Our next youth group meeting will be on Friday, September 10th from 6-9pm. We will be meeting at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Racine, located at: 4340 6 Mile Road Racine, WI 53402. Pastor Taggatz will be leading a Bible Study on our "Identity in Jesus" based on Jesus' "I Am" statements in John's Gospel and we will be joining Pastor Lockie and his youth group at this event for some fun and fellowship. We hope to see you all there! Youth in grades 5th-12th grade are welcome to attend.

Grace Ladies Guild

Saturday, September 11, 2021 ~ 10:00 am at church
Welcome Back to the 65th year of Grace Ladies Guild!
The Lord continues to bless us as we gather to do His work
here at Grace and beyond our doors!
Ladies you are ALL welcome to join us!

September 12th

- We will have our Christian Education Sunday worship service at 10:00 am in our church sanctuary. We will be recognizing new members we have received at Grace over the last year, as well as showing honor to our staff for their anniversaries of service.
- The church picnic will start at 11:30am at Henry Miller Park in the pavilion located at 315 E. Groveland Dr (behind Oak Creek High School). **Please register by Sunday, September 5th**. On the sign up sheet in the church narthex, by contacting the church office by email or calling our office. Please note that food and water will be provided for this event. If you would like something other than water, please bring your own beverage. You are also encouraged to bring a lawn chair with you for comfortable seating. Also, feel free to bring games such as: *ladder toss and/or bean bag toss* for you and your fellow parishioners to enjoy. As you sign up, please indicate the number of people attending and if you can help with set up, serving, and/or clean up. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Attention 6th - 8th Grade Parents

There will be a Confirmation meeting on Monday, September 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary with Pastor Taggatz. Confirmation classes will begin Monday, September 20th at 6:30 p.m. for public school students.

Ladies Bible Study

The Ladies Bible Study will be starting up again. Meet us on Wednesday mornings at church beginning, September 15th, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

Adult Membership Class at Grace Oak Creek-“*God Connects*” We are forming a new adult membership class. It will be a one day course on Saturday Sept. 18th from 9am-1:30pm at Grace Lutheran Church Oak Creek located at 3381 E Puetz Road. Whether you have questions about Christ or want to deepen your faith in Him, this class will explore

what the Bible says about our God, and how His love gives direction and meaning to your life today and forever. This class is designed for those who are interested in learning or reviewing the foundations of the Christian faith. Attendance at the class leads to membership in our church, but there are no obligations. Please let us know if you need child-care to attend this new members class. Watch an introductory video at: www.lhm.org/GodConnects

Call the Church Office or email us at: church@graceoakcreek.org if you know someone who is interested in joining membership at Grace.

There will be a Voters Meeting on Sunday, September 19th after the 10:30am Worship Service. Please plan on attending the Voters Meeting, as your participation as a member of our congregation is very important for the ministries here at Grace. Topics of the meeting will include: Pastor's update, updates from our church boards, and voting in new members here at Grace.

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class begins on Sunday, September 19th from 9:15am-10:15am—Please register your children 4k through 8th grade for Sunday School. There are registration forms available on the table in the Narthex or please contact our church office at: church@graceoakcreek.org or 414-762-8990. We look forward to having your children in Sunday School this year!!!

Plastic Altar Flower Containers Needed Back—If you have donated flowers on our church altar in the past and brought the plastic container home with you, we wanted to let you know that we need them back at church. You can drop them off with Rachel Miliacca in the Early Childhood Center. We thank you for making our church sanctuary look beautiful with the donation of flowers! We also wanted to let you know that the flowers you donate need to be picked up by the Tuesday following the Sunday that you sponsor the flowers on the altar. God bless you!!!

USHERS NEEDED—We are starting up ushering again during our worship services and we need your help. If you are interested, please contact Lance Kopperud at: 414-764-3116 or 414-315-3960 or the church office by phone or email. We would like to have ushers starting during the month of September. Thank you for your consideration of serving here at Grace by assisting us in worship. God bless you!!!

Grace Counter Volunteers Needed - We are looking for volunteers to be considered for training as counters and stand-by counters, beginning in September. The counters work

in pairs, so either individuals or a couple would be welcome. Each pair of counters is scheduled for one counting session per month that takes about 2 hours, usually on a Sunday after the late service, but the schedule can be very flexible. Complete training is provided and newly assigned counters are scheduled with experienced people. This is an important process in our church's administration, and we welcome interested members. If you would like more information, please contact our Financial Secretary, Lori Kachelmeier at jlkachel2@gmail.com or 414-828-0290.

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."* The Giving Tree will be up through Labor Day weekend.

LUTHERAN HOUR - "Living, Mighty, Active Faith" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. An elephant is a living, mighty, active thing. So is the faith of Jesus. (Isaiah 35:4-7) **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-As Christians who desire to do our best for God, we live in response to God's goodness to us. We believe that life has been given to us by God. The Bible begins with, *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the Earth"* (Genesis 1:1). God did not create the world and everything in it and then just leave us to our own devices. He provides resources within nature that continue to serve our needs. He gives to us intelligence and ingenuity that we can use for the betterment of the world He gave us to live in. He is intimately involved with us in our daily lives and promises to watch over us. God calls us to do our best as servants who seek to honor Him.

**STEWARDSHIP IS THE WAY WE
LIVE OUT OUR CALLING AS**

DISCIPLES.

“By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35).

IN THE WORD FOR THE 15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Catechism: Ten Commandments—Fifth and Sixth Commandments

Verse of the week: Romans 5:19, *“By one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous.”*

Psalm of the week: Psalm 123

Hymn of the week: (LSB 524) “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” (stanzas 1-4)

Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday— Jesus Cleanses the Ten Lepers—Luke 17:11-19

Monday— Saul Seeks Counsel from a Medium—1 Samuel 28:3-25

Tuesday— The Tragic Death of King Saul—1 Samuel 31:1-13

Wednesday— David Mourns the Death of Saul—2 Samuel 1:1-16 (17-27)

Thursday— David Reigns over All Israel—2 Samuel 5:1-5 (6-8) 9-10 (11-25)

Friday—1 Kings 17:8-16

Saturday— Proverbs 1:1-19

“The people you tell today are the ones who get to tell the next group of people yet to be born. Someday our children will be telling their children about their Savior, knowing God’s Word and His story of grace, because you model it and share it every day. Because you put your trust in God.” *Linda Buxa, Time of Grace – 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.

OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday	9/5	9:00 am	Divine Worship Service
		10:00 am	Willowcrest Worship Service
Tuesday	9/7	7:00 am	Men’s Bible Study & Breakfast @ OC Diner
		6:30 pm	Stephen Ministry Meeting @ church
Wednesday	9/8	6:30 pm	Council Meeting
Thursday	9/9	6:30 pm	Divine Worship Service
Friday	9/10	6:00 pm	Youth Group Meeting @ Prince of Peace, Racine

Saturday	9/11	8:00 am	Rise & Sonshine Bible Study
		10:00 am	Ladies Guild Meeting
Sunday	9/12	10:00 am	Divine Worship – Christian Education Sunday
		10:00 am	Willowcrest Worship Service
		11:30 am	Church Picnic

**Growing In Grace
August 26 & 29, 2021**

Offering

<i>General Offering</i>	\$3,320.00	Attendance	90
<i>On-Line Giving</i>	858.82	Communed	61
<i>Missions</i>	0.00		
<i>Debt Fund</i>	0.00		
<i>Mortgage Offering</i>	0.00		
<i>Lutheran High</i>	0.00		
<i>Bible Study/Sunday School</i>	0.00		
Total	\$4,178.82		

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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Rev. John M. Taggatz

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