

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

Oak Creek, Wisconsin
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Christian Education Sunday

September 9th & 12th, 2021

“By His Grace you are saved through faith”

Ephesians 2:8

*Celebrate
Teach
Share
God's Grace*

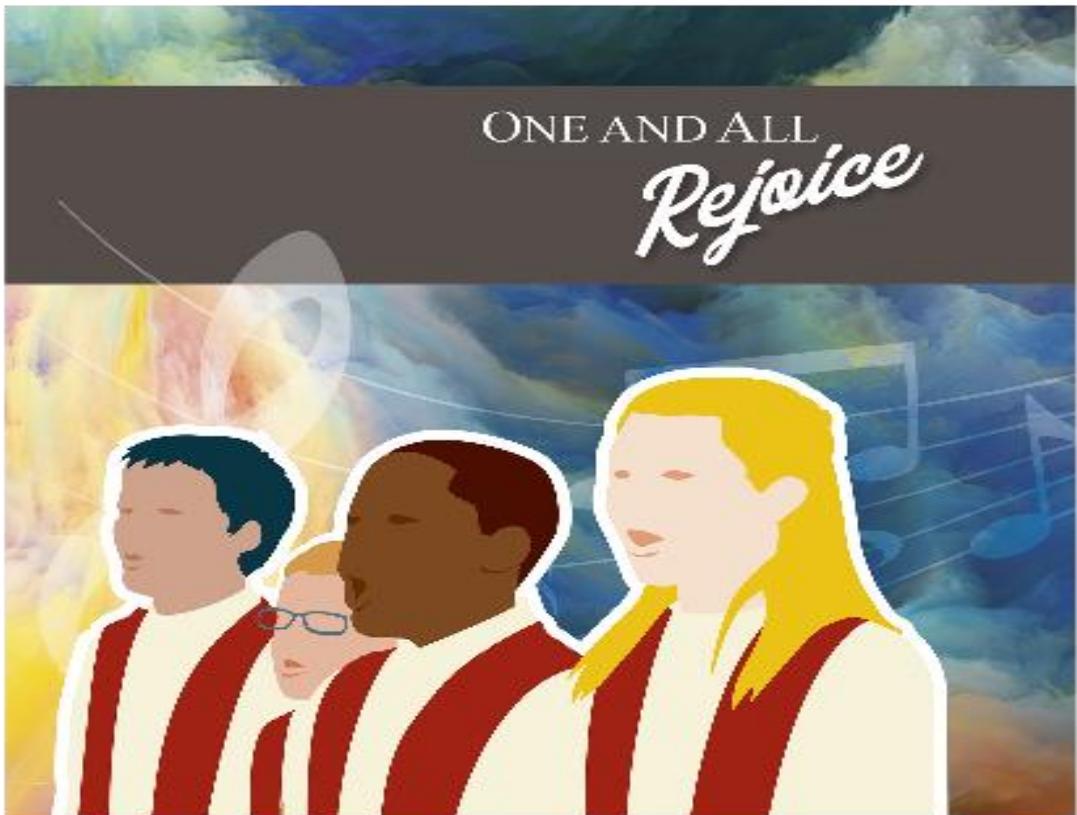


Image: “Let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!” (Psalm 149:2b)

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 “*Taught by Sacred Song*”

Two of the best-known directives from Scripture are God's Word to His people through Moses in the Book of Deuteronomy, where it states: “*You shall therefore lay up these words of Mine in your heart and . . . shall teach them to your children*” (Deuteronomy 11:18-19), and the words of encouragement from the psalmist telling God's people to “*Sing to the LORD a new song. . . . Let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!*” (Psalm 149:1b-2b). Where do those two passages intersect? Teaching children new songs as well as traditional songs of the faith has been accomplished through Sunday School and Day School hymnals in our Synod for more than a century and a quarter! Joining sacred texts with thoughtfully chosen music has been a time-tested Christian educational strategy, carried out through a series of children's hymnals. We thank God for those who made that holy learning possible—and so enjoyable!

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.

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✧ PREPARATION ✧

Opening Hymn (Thursday only)

908 Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear (vs. 1-3)



1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through Your
2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants
△ 3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the



Word to me draw near; Let me Your Word e'er pure re -
heal - ing from my sin; Your Word has pow'r to guide and
Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or



tain; Let me Your child and heir re - main.
bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.
be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Grace Lutheran School Choir—"We Believe" (Sunday only)

(Please note: After the students sing, they are dismissed to sit back with their parents after the song)

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 34:8-10; antiphon: v. 11*

Pastor: Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

All: **Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!**

Men: *Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!*

Women: *Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no lack!*

Men: *The young lions suffer want and hunger;*

Women: *but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.*

All: **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.**

Pastor: Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD

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. Lord Jesus Christ, You have entrusted to Your people the task of teaching all nations. Enlighten with the wisdom of Your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn that the joyous truth of the Gospel may be known in every generation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

THE REDEDICATION OF OUR GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL & ECC TEACHERS AND STAFF AND GRACE LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS (SUNDAY ONLY)

Pastor: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, you are to be installed as [*name of position(s)*] at [*name of congregation*], a work in which our Father in heaven has great joy. Hear the Word of the Lord:

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.” (Deuteronomy 6:4-7)

Beloved in the Lord, you are to assist me, the minister of Word and Sacrament, in the instruction of God’s people according to His holy Word. You are to prepare yourselves for this work by your individual and corporate study of the Word of God and the faith drawn from it as it has been delivered to us in the Small Catechism. While holiness of life and obedience to Christ are expected of all members of the congregation, it is especially important that you show yourselves, by word and example, to be faithful to Him in service and Christian devotion.

In the presence of God and of this congregation, I therefore ask you: Do you accept the position entrusted to you, and do you promise faithfully to carry out your duties, trusting in the Lord and conforming yourself to His Word in accordance with the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church? If so, then answer: I do.

Teachers: I do.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, you have heard the promises of faithfulness Spoken by these men and women. Do you promise to support them in Their work, to remember them in your prayers, and to work with them to the best of the abilities that God has given you, so that He may be glorified and His work be done in our midst? If so, then answer: We do.

People: We do.

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, I commission you as [*name of position(s)*] at [*name of congregation*] in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PROMISES OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Pastor: Now, then, all you who are parents: Will you promise to raise your children in the fear and admonition of the Lord? Will you focus on Christ as the heart of your teaching? Will you set yourselves as examples of Christian living for your family and all you meet in daily living? If so, then answer: We will, by the grace of God.

Parents: We will, by the grace of God.

Pastor: And how about you children? Will you promise to listen to your parents, learning from them, and obey them, helping wherever you can? Will you focus on Christ as the heart of

your learning? Will you set yourselves as examples of Christian living for your family and all you meet in daily living? If so, then answer: We will, by the grace of God.

Children: We will, by the grace of God.

Pastor: Finally, I ask all of you: Will you study the Word of God when you have opportunity, here in church and with your families or friends? Will you endeavor to share the faith in your hearts, teaching others by word and example? Will you seek to exhibit Christ as the heart of your living? If so, then answer: We will, by the grace of God.

People: We will, by the grace of God.

Pastor: The almighty and most merciful God enlighten and strengthen you in your service that you may be good and faithful leaders and teachers in this congregation, and as teachers and learners in your daily living, to the glory of His name and the salvation of His people.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

People: Amen.

INSTALLATION OF MR. ANTHONY HENGST SECOND GRADE TEACHER AT GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL (SUNDAY ONLY)

Those to be installed are presented before the altar.

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

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord, [name(s)] [has/have] been properly elected and called to serve as (a) teacher(s) of [place]. This office has been established in love by the Church to support the Office of the Holy Ministry and to assist and strengthen Christian fathers and mothers in their God-given responsibility to bring up their children in the nurture and instruction of the Lord.

Hear the Word of God concerning this office.

3For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; 7if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; 8the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. (Romans 12:3-8)

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise—“that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:1-4)

25But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 26It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 27and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, 28even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:25-28)

15And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 16Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:15-17)

P Do you believe and confess the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

R *Yes, I believe and confess the canonical Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice.*

P Do you believe and confess the three Ecumenical Creeds, namely, the Apostles’, the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds, as faithful testimonies to the truth of the Holy Scriptures, and do you reject all the errors which they condemn?

R *Yes, I believe and confess the three Ecumenical Creeds because they are in accord with the Word of God. I also reject all the errors they condemn.*

P Do you confess the Unaltered Augsburg Confession to be a true exposition of Holy Scripture and a correct exhibition of the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church? And do you confess that the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Small and Large Catechisms of Martin Luther, the Smalcald Articles, the Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope, and the Formula of Concord—as these are contained in the Book of Concord—are also in agreement with this one scriptural faith?

R *Yes, I make these Confessions my own because they are in accord with the Word of God.*

P Do you solemnly promise faithfully to serve God’s people in the teaching ministry in accordance with Holy Scripture and with these Confessions?

R *Yes, I promise, with the help of God.*

P Will you, trusting in God’s care, seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and adorn the Gospel of Jesus Christ with a godly life?

R *I will, with the help of God.*

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, you have heard the confession and solemn promise of [name(s)], who [has/have] been called to the office of teacher in the Church. I ask you now, in the presence of God: Will you receive [him/her/them], show [him/her/them] fitting love and honor, and support [him/her/them] by your gifts and fervent prayer? If so, then answer: We will, with the help of God.

C **We will, with the help of God.**

P The almighty and most merciful God strengthen and assist you always.

P Are you ready and willing to assume the work of this office?

R *I am.*

P [Name], I install you as teacher of [place] in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Stand

The newly installed may kneel.

P Let us pray. Gracious and most merciful Lord, we thank You for providing faithful men and women in Your Church to assist and support the Office of the Holy Ministry and its work among us. Grant Your Holy Spirit to [name(s)], and adorn [him/her/them] with wisdom and power from on high. Incline both young and old to godliness and obedience, and let them so benefit by instruction in Your holy Word that they may serve You all their days and finally obtain eternal life; 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 Go in peace and joy. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and bless and strengthen you for faithful service in His name.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Deuteronomy 6:1-15*

(Teaching the Lord's words to children)

“Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the just decrees that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

“And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build, and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full, then take care lest you forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. It is the LORD your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear. You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you, for the LORD your God in your midst is a jealous God, lest the anger of the LORD your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth.”

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

Gradual Proverbs 9:10; 1:5, 8

Pastor: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
People: and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Pastor: Let the wise hear and increase in learning,
People: and the one who understands obtain guidance.

Pastor: Hear, my son, your father's instruction,
People: and forsake not your mother's teaching.

Epistle Acts 2:37-41

(The promise is for you and for your children.)

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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

Verse for Christian Education Sunday *Proverbs 2:6*

Pastor: *“Alleluia. For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. Alleluia.”*

Holy Gospel *Luke 18:15-17*

(Jesus calls the children to come to Him.)

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

Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

- 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—“God’s Messages” (Deuteronomy 6:4-9) *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

861 Christ Be My Leader (vs. 1-3)



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
 2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
 3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
 doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
 hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
 shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
 sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion; with Je - sus I reign.

Sermon “The Greatest Gift You Can Give” (Deuteronomy 6:1-9)

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.**

Proper Preface

LSB 161

- 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 in Your great mercy You have come among us in Jesus, our master and our friend, whose death brings us forgiveness of sins, new life, and the promise of endless rejoicing in Your presence. 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 life everlasting in Your heavenly kingdom. 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 Thanks be to You, O Lord, because You sent to us Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be our blessed Savior. We thank You for His words entrusted to us through the Gospel writers in the pages of Holy Scripture. Grant us the blessing of continuing growth in faith and in the knowledge of Your gracious acts toward us in Christ. Gather into one, we pray You, all of Your people who partake of this blessed Meal. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit for the confirmation of faith in the truth. Grant that we praise and glorify You through Christ our Redeemer, through whom all honor and glory belong to You, the Father, together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, both now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

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

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

**For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 162

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

Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

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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:

728 How Firm a Foundation (vs. 1-5)



1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
3 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
4 "When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
5 "Through-out all their life-time My people will prove



Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply;
My sov-'reign, eternal, unchange-able love;



What more can He say than to you He has said
I'll strength-en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
The flames will not hurt you; I on-ly de-sign
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,



Who un-to the Savior for refuge have fled?
Up-held by My righteous, om-nip-o-tent hand.
I'll nev-er, no nev-er, no nev-er, for-sake!
Your dross to consume and your gold to re-fine.
Like lambs they will still in My bos-om be borne."

825 Rise, Shine, You People (vs. 1-4)



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
 2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
 3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.
 He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.
 Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing.
 Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
 All men and wom - en, who by guilt are -
 To all the world go out and tell the
 Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
 driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
 sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

584 Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing (vs. 1-2)



1 Faith and truth and life be - stow - ing, O - pen now the
 2 May the Spir - it's pow'r un - ceas - ing Bring to life the



Scrip - tures, Lord, Seed to life e - ter - nal sow - ing,
 hid - den grain, Dai - ly in our hearts in - creas - ing,

Scat - tered on the wind a - broad. Let not hearts, Your
 Bear - ing fruit that shall re - main. So in Scrip - ture,
 Word re - ceiv - ing, Like a bar - ren field be found, Choked with
 song, and sto - ry, Sav - ior, may Your voice be heard. Till our
 thorns and un - be - liev - ing, Shal - low earth or ston - y ground.
 eyes be - hold Your glo - ry Give us ears to hear Your Word.

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

LSB 166

- 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 864 Shepherd of Tender Youth (vs. 1-4)



1 Shep - herd of ten - der youth, Guid - ing in
2 You are the ho - ly Lord, O all - sub -
3 You are the great High Priest; You have pre -
4 O ev - er be our guide, Our shep - herd,



love and truth Through de - vious ways; Christ, our tri -
du - ing Word, Heal - er of strife. Your - self You
pared - the feast Of ho - ly love; And in our
and our pride, Our staff and song. Je - sus, O



um - phant king, We come Your name to sing
did a - base That from sin's deep dis - grace
mor - tal pain None calls on You in vain;
Christ of God, By Your en - dur - ing Word



And here our chil - dren bring To join Your praise.
You so might save our race And give us life.
Our plea do not dis - dain; Help from a - bove.
Lead us where You have trod; Make our faith strong.

Announcements

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!



✿Altar Flowers✿

Altar flowers this week are given by Robert & Joanne Morgan
in celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary.

Continued blessings to you both!

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 Burette (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 Savarino (healing & strength); Doc Medek (healing & strength); Mike (healing & strength) father of Becky Kinzer, school parent, Bob Morgan (healing & strength); Anita (healing & strength) friend of Janine Pieper.

For our Homebound Members at Grace: Carol Loveall, Betty Lemmer, Kathy Gaudian, Bernice Byklum, June Roewer, Art Steinborn, Ernst & Patricia Groth, and Gloria Kilponen.

Praise God for the installation of Mr. Anthony Hengst as the 2nd grade teacher here at Grace Lutheran School. We pray that the Lord would bless Mr. Hengst's ministry here at Grace and we are so grateful to have him on our staff this year at our Lutheran Grade School!!! Welcome Mr. Hengst!!!

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>Elders</u>	<u>Thursday 6:30 pm</u> Brandon Dachel	<u>Sunday 9:00 am</u> Rick Weeks
<u>Readers</u>	Connie McKeag	Beth Jackson
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Janine Pieper & Marlene Voss	Janine Pieper & Marlene Voss
<u>Linens</u>	Gail Nowakowski	Gail Nowakowski

CHURCH PICNIC TODAY

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 note that food and water will be provided for this event. If you would like something other than water, please bring your own beverage (*because of our contract with the Oak Creek Recreation Department, you are asked to not bring alcohol to this event*). 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. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

During the month of September we will be worshipping at:

- 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 (Thursday's Worship will stay the same-6:30pm)
 - Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes start ~ 9:15-10:15am

Peer Recognition

Honoring our staff for their Anniversaries of Service

- Sara Durant ~ 5 years
- Jennifer Mendez ~ 5 years
- Rita Heinen ~ 10 years
- Rosie Miliacca ~ 10 years
- Steve Gettleman ~ 15 years
- Katie Nowack ~ 15 years
- Rachel Miliacca ~ 20 years

Congregation Recognition

Honoring our congregation members for their years of service on our Church Boards and Council. Thank you for your dedicated service to our congregation!!!

- Glenn Dotson
- Heinz Poellet
- Tony Mirenda
- Bob Morgan
- Bev Buretta

New Members

Thanks be to God for the new members we have received at Grace this past year!!!

- Tim & Christine Cooks & children Patrick & Clare
- Craig & Lauren Frank & daughters Millie & Fiona
- Craig & Courtney Salzer & children Gabriella & Drew
- Mary Savarino
- Jalee & Joel Banach and Son Watson
- Amber Kendrick & Son Dylan
- Nina & Paul McKinster & Son Jack
- Alexandra & Cory McIntosh & children Cameron & Everly
- Joanne & Dick Schaefer
- Tom & Rose Adams
- John Gottwald
- Keith & Jill Nowack
- John, David & Johnny & Scarlett Penn
- Kathryn, Andrea & Thomas Szefflinski
- Ryan, Staci, and Matthew Scherer
- Leigh Schmeiser

2021 Confirmation Students:

- Matthew Campbell and Carsen Serdyski
- Pastor John Taggatz, Roxanne, Eddie, Marty, Julie & Ellie Taggatz
- Jamie Zunker & daughter Payton Weirich

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 need them back at church. You can drop them off with Rachel Miliacca in the Early Childhood Center. Thank you for making our church sanctuary look beautiful with the donation of flowers! NOTE: the flowers you donate need to be picked up by the Tuesday following the Sunday that you sponsored the flowers on the altar.

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.

LUTHERAN HOUR - "Who is my Neighbor?" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. We can't build a more hopeful neighborhood if we don't know who our neighbors are and we go out of our way to avoid them. (Luke 10:25-37) **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- In the Bible's account of creation, the writer says that, after each phase of creation, God saw that it was good, and, after all had been completed, God looked on all He had made and saw that "*it was very good*" (Genesis 1:31). However, through our disobedience, the world that God created good has been filled with sin. Because of our sin, we have not been good stewards of the resources God has given us, and we have not put Him or others first before ourselves. We thank God that He forgives us, and we pray that He places within each of a desire to please Him by being faithful stewards of all that He entrusts to us.



ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT TASKS FOR US IS TO USE OUR MONEY FAITHFULLY AND WISELY.

“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him”. (1 John 2:15).

IN THE WORD FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

Catechism: Ten Commandments—Seventh and Eighth Commandments

Verse of the week: Romans 5:8, “*God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*”

Psalm of the week: Psalm 124

Hymn of the week: (LSB 537) “Beautiful Savior” (stanzas 1-4)

Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday— Seek First the Kingdom of God & His Righteousness—Mt. 6:24-34

Monday— The Ark Is Brought to Jerusalem—2 Samuel 6:1-19

Tuesday— God’s Covenant with David—2 Samuel 7:1-17

Wednesday— David’s Thanksgiving to God—2 Samuel 7:18-29

Thursday— David Shows Kindness to Mephibosheth—2 Samuel 9:1-13

Friday— David and Bathsheba—2 Samuel 11:1-17, 22-25

Saturday—1 Kings 17:17-24

“God has taken away your sins. He has changed your heart. He gives you the ability to put yourself last so that you can humbly serve others. That’s greatness and a great life in God’s eyes. That humble serving attitude values and serves every life whether that life is a few cells old or a gene short of worldly greatness.” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org* Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. www.word-of-hope.org; 888-217-8679.

**Growing In Grace
September 2 & 5, 2021**

Offering

<i>General Offering</i>	\$3,392.00	Attendance	87
<i>On-Line Giving</i>	470.19	Communed	80
<i>Missions</i>	25.00		
<i>Debt Fund</i>	150.00		
<i>Mortgage Offering</i>	1,060.00		

Lutheran High	50.00
Bible Study/Sunday School	0.00
Total	\$5,147.19

OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday	9/12	10:00 am	Divine Worship-Christian Education Sunday
		10:00 am	Willowcrest Worship
		11:30 am	Church picnic
Monday	9/13	6:30 pm	Confirmation Meeting @ church
Tuesday	9/14	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast @ OC Diner
Wednesday	9/15	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
Thursday	9/16	6:30 pm	Divine Worship
Friday	9/17		LWML SWD Fall Retreat
		4:00 pm	Grace Beer Garden Tour-Abendschein Park
Saturday	9/18		LWML SWD Fall Retreat
		9:00 am	Adult Membership Class
Sunday	9/19	8:00 am	Divine Worship
		9:15 am	Sunday School & Bible Study
		10:00 am	Willowcrest Worship
		10:30 am	Divine Worship
		11:30 am	Voter's Meeting

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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