

# Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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

## LWML Sunday

September 23<sup>rd</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

"By His Grace you are saved through faith"

Ephesians 2:8



Our *hearts*  
in HIS *hand*

*Above all, keep loving one another earnestly (1 Peter 4:8).*

**Image:** "Above all, keep loving one another earnestly" (1 Peter 4:8)

# 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 “*Our Hearts in His Hand*”**

“*Our Hearts in His Hand*” is the theme for LWML Sunday 2021 and is based on Peter's first letter to persecuted Christians in Asia Minor. In chapter 4:8, Peter tells them, Above all, keep loving one another earnestly. The heart of the LWML is its members; our hearts have been made holy by God. We are fully dedicated to serving Him, by serving His Church at home and abroad. Our hearts for Christ are in His hand of service, wherever and when He has need of us.

### **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 "O Holy Spirit, Enter In" (LSB 913 vs. 1-3)



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts  
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts  
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,



Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.  
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,  
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in  
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -  
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love



us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us  
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.  
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.



That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing  
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing  
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er



Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.  
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.  
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

*Stand*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *LSB 203*

*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 † 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 † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## ✠ WORD ✠

### ENTRANCE PSALM *Psalm 86:5-12*

L: *For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,*

C: ***abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.***

L: *Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.*

C: ***In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me.***

L: *There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.*

C: ***All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.***

L: *For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.*

C: ***Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.***

- L:** *I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.*
- C:** *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.*

**KYRIE LSB 204**

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

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY LSB 205**

- P:** The Lord be with you.
- C:** **And also with you.**
- P:** Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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 Ezekiel 36:22-27**

***The LORD Says I Will Put My Spirit Within You***

“Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my just decrees.

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

**PSALM Psalm 51:1-2, 6, 10-12**

- L:** *Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;*
- C:** *according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.*

L: *Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
C: and cleanse me from my sin!*

L: *Behold, you desire truth in the inward being,  
C: and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.*

L: *Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
C: and renew a right spirit within me.*

L: *Cast me not away from your presence,  
C: and take not your Holy Spirit from me.*

L: *Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
C: and uphold me with a willing spirit.*

#### **EPISTLE 1 Peter 1:18-22**

#### ***Love One Another Earnestly From a Pure Heart***

knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,

P: This is the Word of the Lord.  
C: Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

#### **ALLELUIA AND VERSE LSB 205**

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

#### **HOLY GOSPEL Mark 12:28-31**

#### ***The Great Commandment***

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.  
C: Glory to You, O Lord.

And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

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

**CHILDRENS MESSAGE “Our Hearts in His Hand” (1 Peter 4:8)** *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)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY “Renew Me, O Eternal Light” (LSB 704 vs. 1-4)**



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my  
2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all  
3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly  
4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those



heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the  
my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the  
I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be  
things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You



light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.  
strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.  
my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.  
face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

**SERMON “Love One Another Earnestly from a Pure Heart” (1 Peter 1:22)**

**LWML PLEDGE**

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

## 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](http://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 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 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 *LSB 209***

**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 to bring justice to the oppressed and forgiveness to all people. 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, liberate, and defend 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 209***

**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 209***

**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 + 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 + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."**





Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He  
 By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
 to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

**“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray” (LSB 623 vs. 1-5)**



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may  
 2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y  
 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the  
 4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing  
 5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of  
 bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of  
 gift of love re - told; All that You are we  
 in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -  
 stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.  
 sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.  
 here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.  
 til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.  
 wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

**“Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower (LSB 694 vs. 1-5)**



1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tow - er; Thee will I  
 2 Thee will I love, my life, my Sav - ior, Who art my  
 3 I thank Thee, Je - sus, Sun from heav - en, Whose ra - diance  
 4 O keep me watch - ful, then, and hum - ble; Per - mit me  
 5 Thee will I love, my crown of glad - ness; Thee will I



love, my hope, my joy. Thee will I love with all my  
 best and tru - est friend. Thee will I love and praise for -  
 hath brought light to me; I thank Thee, who hast rich - ly  
 nev - er - more to stray. Up - hold me when my feet would  
 love, my God and Lord, A - mid the dark - est depths of



pow - er, With ar - dor time shall ne'er de - stroy. Thee will I  
 ev - er, For nev - er shall Thy kind - ness end. Thee will I  
 giv - en All that could make me glad and free; I thank Thee  
 stum - ble, And keep me on the nar - row way. Fill all my  
 sad - ness, And not for hope of high re - ward, For Thine own



love, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.  
 love with all my heart— Thou my Re - deem - er art!  
 that my soul is healed By what Thy lips re - vealed.  
 na - ture with Thy light, O Ra - diance strong and bright!  
 sake, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.

**DISMISSAL**

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

**C:** Amen.

**NUNC DIMITTIS** *LSB 211*

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

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

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT** *LSB 212*

**P:** Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**BLESSING** *LSB 212*

**P:** Let us bless the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**C:** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN “Serve the Lord with Gladness” (Tune: LSB 662)**

“Serve the Lord with gladness!”  
It is He alone  
Who redeemed us sinners,  
Guides us as His own  
To enjoy the blessings  
Of His love and grace,  
Will at last in glory  
Meet us face to face.  
Onward, then, for Jesus!  
Let this be our aim:  
“Serve the Lord with gladness!”  
Glorify His name.

“Serve the Lord with gladness!”  
He gave us command  
To proclaim His Gospel  
Now in every land  
So that fellow sinners  
May, like us, be blest.  
Leading them to Jesus,  
We can serve Him best.  
Onward, then, for Jesus!  
Let this be our aim:  
“Serve the Lord with gladness!”  
Glorify His name!

“Serve the Lord with gladness!”  
There’s no greater joy  
Than to serve the Master,  
Work in His employ.  
As we build His kingdom  
Angels, too, rejoice  
Over every sinner  
Brought to hear His voice.  
Onward, then, for Jesus!  
Let this be our aim:  
“Serve the Lord with gladness!”  
Glorify His name!

--Written by Prof. Ernest Lewerenz

**Announcements**

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

**People:** Thanks be to God!



**✿Altar Flowers✿**

Altar flowers this week are given by Connie McKeag  
in memory of her parents, Robert & Genny.

## 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); 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; Tom Adams, relative of Pauline Parker; Lori Jablonski (recovery from surgery); Darlene Urbaniak (healing & strength); Ron Savarino (healing & strength); Anita (healing & strength) friend of Janine Pieper; Kris Durant (healing & strength) sister in law of Jane Durant; Shirley Stachowiak (cancer) Sharon Iseli's niece; Opal Simmons Brother (hospitalized); Emmersyn (healing & strength) friend of Jill Nowack.

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

We mourn with the families of Kaitlyn Durant Schultz, niece of Jane Durant and Mike, father of Becky Kinzer who were called home to heavenly rest this last week. We pray: *Almighty God, Father of mercies and God of all comfort, deal graciously with these families and all who mourn their death, that, casting every care on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Give them confidence that because Jesus lives, we too shall live, and have eternal life in His name (John 14). Amen.*

*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](mailto: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 8:00 am</u>	<u>Sunday 10:30 am</u>
<u>Elders</u>	Mike Huber	Brandon Dachel	Adam Voss
<u>Readers</u>	Connie McKeag	Erica Vitek	Beth Jackson
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Janine Pieper & Marlene Voss	Janine Pieper & Marlene Voss	Janine Pieper & Marlene Voss
<u>Linens</u>	Gail Nowakowski	Gail Nowakowski	Gail Nowakowski

**The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.** Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman’s identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ. Lutheran Women in Mission are women of faith, empowered for active service in Jesus’ name and bold support of missions through Mite Box offerings. As Christians, we have been given the kingdom of God to bear its fruit.



**Socktober!!** During the month of October we will be collecting new socks to be donated to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission. Look for the pink bin in the narthex to place your sock donations into.

**Adult Bible Class in the Narthex of our Church. Our theme for the next few weeks is: Christians in a Woke World: A Call to Courage, Confession and Love.** The Bible Class will be in the Narthex of our Church from 9:15-10:15am. Here is a description of the class. *Systemic racism, privilege, political correctness, woke, anti-racist, social justice are common words in the world today. What comes to mind when you hear them? Are you able to accurately define them? Does the world seem to be more divided along the lines of race, gender, religion, and income? Would you agree that trust in societal institutions such as religion, education, marriage, media, and family is diminishing? Does it seem to you that young people are often losing their Christian faith while attending college? Do you think people desire to be considered a victim or part of a victim group? To understand our world and answer these questions, a Christian in today’s America must understand the new Marxism, which is often called Cultural Marxism.*



### **Choir at Grace**

If you have a spirit of praise and a song in your heart, The Grace Lutheran Choir is looking for you. Rehearsals will be starting October 14, 2021 following the 6:30pm worship service.

### **Grace Craft Night - "Fall" Sign board**

See the sample sign and sign-up for the Fall Craft Project - all craft skills welcome! This event will involve paint/stain & glue...some aprons will be available but you may want to wear something that can get a little messy just in case. Sign-up sheet is in the back of church!

When: October 11<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 pm

Where: The Dachel's House - 9728 S Rustic Place, Oak Creek

Cost: \$20.00



Children from Grace Lutheran and the surrounding community are invited to come to a "Trunk or Treat" event at Grace Lutheran School on Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:30-6:30pm. The children can come to our school parking lot to receive Halloween Candy, some Christian tracts, and they will be able to have fellowship with other children and with members of our congregation. We are in need of volunteers for this event, please contact Pastor Taggatz or the Grace Lutheran Church Office if you are interested in helping out with this event and providing

candy for the children: 414-762-8990 or [church@graceoakcreek.org](mailto:church@graceoakcreek.org). During a Trunk or Treat event the trunk of one's car is opened displaying candy, and often games are made available, and certain Halloween decorations. Because this is a Christian event, please do not decorate or come in costume with goblins, witches, and other occult attire. [Ideas for how to decorate the trunks of your cars for this event can be found on Pinterest.](#)

**All Saints Day**—Any members who would like to recognize those of the Christian faith who have fallen asleep in Jesus this last year from November 2020 to the present, please let our church office know by Monday, October 25th. We will be remembering the saints who have gone to heaven in a special All Saints Day worship service on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**The military Bible Stick program** has begun at Grace Lutheran. If you would like to donate to this mission project, please take an envelope from the table in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity and support of God's Kingdom work among our nation's military personnel. You can put that envelope in the offering plate at church and it will go to this designated mission. Cost of each Bible Stick: \$25 Our Goal: 40 Bible Sticks.

### **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.

### **Evangelism Workshop at Grace Lutheran Church Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 1:00pm**

Lutheran Hour Ministries and the Barna Research Group have partnered to research the state of *Spiritual Conversations in the Digital Age*. This research has produced powerful insights about the nature of spiritual conversations and has led to two simple, powerful tools for Christians who want to grow in their Christian witness. These tools are presented in two engaging workshops filled with helpful insights, inspiring stories, and practical guidance. The two sections we will cover in this evangelism workshop will be, "The Eager Conversationalist" and "The Spiritual Conversation Curve." Please register for this event by Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup>. You can register for this event by emailing or calling the church office at: [church@graceoakcreek.org](mailto:church@graceoakcreek.org) or 414-762-8990 or by signing up in the narthex of the Church.

### **PRAYER CARD MINISTRY**

We have received from Thrivent another \$250 for cards and stamps for our "Cards for Shut In's Ministry" and for those who are ill or having surgery. Please feel free to take cards and stamps from the table in the narthex and take a "Thrivent Live Generously" shirt, too. Remember to sign your name as the one who is sending out cards as Pauline Parker needs a record for Thrivent. Not only have we received so many thanks from those who receive the cards, we have sent out over 658 "Get Well" and "Thinking of You" cards since March of 2020. The cards and the notes seem to be making a real difference to those who know we are praying and thinking about them. We could always use more help sending out cards...over the summer it slowed down some. Also, please send cards out to those who are ill and suffering as well as the shut ins.

**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!!!

**LUTHERAN HOUR - "Seek the Welfare of the Neighborhood"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge. We can start to make the world a better place by seeking the welfare of the neighborhoods into which God has placed us. (Jeremiah 29) The Lutheran Hour can be heard any time on the internet at: [lhm.org](http://lhm.org) scroll down the page and click on, "listen now." Or listen to any of these local radio stations on Sunday mornings.

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

**Stewardship Minute-** In the Apostle Paul’s letter to the church in Corinth, he uses the human body as an analogy to help us understand our different roles in God’s kingdom (1 Corinthians 12). Just as God gives the human body many different parts that work together for the good of the body, we, as God’s people, work together to help those in need and to extend His kingdom. We are not all expected or even needed to do the same things. But each of us has been gifted and blessed to have a role. May God help us all discover our roles and find joy in serving in that role.

**STEWARDSHIP INVOLVES  
ALL OF OUR MONEY, NOT  
JUST WHAT WE GIVE TO GOD  
THROUGH OUR CHURCHES.**

“The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, declares the Lord of hosts”  
(Haggai 2:8).



## IN THE WORD FOR THE 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Catechism:** Ten Commandments—Review and The Close of the Commandments

**Verse of the week:** Romans 3:20, “*By the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*”

**Psalm of the week:** Psalm 126

**Hymn of the week:** (LSB 597) “Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying” (stanzas 1-5)

**Bible Readings for the Week:**

Sunday— Jesus Heals the Man with Dropsy on the Sabbath—Luke 14:1-11

Monday— David Appoints Solomon to Succeed Him—1 Kings 1:1 (2-27) 28-35

Tuesday— Solomon Prays for Wisdom—1 Kings 3:1-15

Wednesday— Solomon’s Wise Judgment—1 Kings 3:16-28

Thursday— St. Michael and All Angels—Revelation 12:7-12

Friday— Solomon’s Kingdom—1 Kings 4:1, 20-34

Saturday— Solomon Prepares to Build the Temple—1 Kings 5:1-18

“Gospel-motivated means we tell how Almighty God creates every human life as special, and that we treat them with that sanctity. It means we declare how He redeems every human life as precious, and that we demonstrate it to them. It means we proclaim how He calls every human life His own priceless treasure from fertilization to forever, and that we put it into practice.” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Executive Director of Mission and Ministry, Lutherans For Life – 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.

**Growing In Grace  
September 16 & 19, 2021**

**Offering**

<i>General Offering</i>	\$2,256.00	<b>Attendance</b>	107
<i>On-Line Giving</i>	1,340.35	<b>Communed</b>	74
<i>Missions</i>	0.00		
<i>Debt Fund</i>	25.00		
<i>Mortgage Offering</i>	75.00		
<i>Lutheran High</i>	0.00		
<i>Bible Study/Sunday School</i>	0.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,696.35</b>		

**OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE THIS WEEK**

<b>Sunday</b>	9/26	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship</b>
		9:15 am	Sunday School & Bible Study
		10:00 am	Willowcrest Worship
		<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship</b>
Monday	9/27	6:30 pm	Confirmation Class @ church
Tuesday	9/28	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast @ OC Diner
Wednesday	9/29	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Thursday</b>	9/30	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Divine Worship</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	10/3	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship</b>
		9:15 am	Sunday School & Bible Study
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		<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship</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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