

# Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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

## Stewardship Emphasis:

*"Managing God's Gift of Other People"*

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"By His Grace you are saved through faith"

Ephesians 2:8



# Managing GOD'S GIFTS

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Image: *"It is not good that the man should be alone"* (Genesis 2:18)

# Welcome to Grace!

## We're Glad You've Joined Us!

### WORSHIP NOTES FOR OUR GUESTS

Worship bulletins & worship activity bags (age 2-8) 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 “*Managing God’s Gift of Other People*”**

Good stewardship, or “*management*,” of God’s gifts to us includes the people He puts in our lives. After He created Adam, God said, “*It is not good that the man should be alone*” (Genesis 2:18), and then He made Eve. Other people are God’s gifts to us because He wants us to live in community. However, we need not worry about loving and serving the billions of people in the world all at once. God gives us the people in our lives—in our families, in our churches, and in society—to love and serve in our vocations. By God’s grace, we also strive to love and serve our neighbor differently than the worldly wisdom of “*how to win friends and influence people*.” The world would have us love our neighbor for our own benefit, but Jesus teaches us to love our neighbor for his or her benefit. He calls us to “*do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than [ourselves]*” (Philippians 2:3). Being good managers in our relations with others also leads us to love and serve them by bearing witness to the love of God in Christ Jesus.

### **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 4

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### Opening Hymn 649 Blest Be the Tie That Binds (vs. 1-4)



1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
4 When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer bit - ter pain;



The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.  
And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.

### Confession and Absolution

LSB 203

*Stand*

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

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

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

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

*Kneel/Stand*

- C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

*Stand*

**✠ WORD ✠**

**Introit** *Psalm 145:11-12, 17-19; antiphon: Psalm 145:10*

- P <sup>10</sup>All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,\*  
and all your saints shall | bless you!
- C <sup>11</sup>**They shall speak of the glory of your | kingdom\***  
**and tell | of your power,**
- P <sup>12</sup>to make known to the children of man your | mighty deeds,\*  
and the glorious splendor of your | kingdom.
- C <sup>17</sup>**The LORD is righteous in | all his ways \***  
**and kind in | all his works.**
- P <sup>18</sup>The LORD is near to all who | call on him,\*  
to all who call on | him in truth.
- C <sup>19</sup>**He fulfills the desire of those who | fear him;\***  
**he also hears their cry and | saves them.**
- C **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.**
- P All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,\*  
and all your saints shall | bless you!

**Kyrie**

*LSB 204*

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

**Gloria in Excelsis**

*LSB 204*

C 1 To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven  
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father;  
Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory,  
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

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

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

#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 205

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, You have made us to live in relationships and in community. In the waters of Baptism You have redeemed us to be Your holy people. By Your Holy Spirit lead us to bear one another's burdens, loving and serving our neighbors in our various vocations, especially as we bear witness to Your redeeming love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Sit*

Old Testament Reading *Leviticus 19:9-18*

**“Love Your Neighbor As Yourself”**

<sup>9</sup>“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. <sup>10</sup>And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>“You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. <sup>12</sup>You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>“You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. <sup>14</sup>You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. <sup>15</sup>“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. <sup>16</sup>You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD. <sup>17</sup>“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. <sup>18</sup>You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

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

**Psalm *Psalm 34: Spoken responsively***

- P <sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD at | all times;\*  
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.
- C <sup>2</sup>**My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;\*  
let the humble hear | and be glad.**
  
- P <sup>3</sup>Oh, magnify the | LORD with me,\*  
and let us exalt his name to- | gether!
- C <sup>4</sup>**I sought the LORD, and he | answered me\*  
and delivered me from | all my fears.**
  
- P <sup>5</sup>Those who look to him are | radiant,\*  
and their faces shall never | be ashamed.
- C <sup>6</sup>**This poor man cried, and the LORD | heard him\*  
and saved him out of all his | troubles.**
  
- P <sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear him,\*  
and de- | livers them.

- C <sup>8</sup>Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!\*
- Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in him!
- P <sup>9</sup>Oh, fear the LORD, | you his saints,\*
- for those who fear him | have no lack!
- C <sup>10</sup>The young lions suffer want and | hunger;\*
- but those who seek the LORD lack | no good thing.
- P <sup>11</sup>Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;\*
- I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.
- C <sup>12</sup>What man is there who de- | sires life\*
- and loves many days, that he may | see good?
- P <sup>13</sup>Keep your tongue from | evil\*
- and your lips from speak- | ing deceit.
- C <sup>14</sup>Turn away from evil | and do good;\*
- seek peace and pur- | sue it.
- P <sup>15</sup>The eyes of the LORD are toward the | righteous\*
- and his ears | toward their cry.
- C <sup>16</sup>The face of the LORD is against those who do | evil,\*
- to cut off the memory of them | from the earth.
- P <sup>17</sup>When the righteous cry for help, the | LORD hears\*
- and delivers them out of all their | troubles.
- C <sup>18</sup>The LORD is near to the broken- | hearted\*
- and saves the crushed in | spirit.
- P <sup>19</sup>Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,\*
- but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.
- C <sup>20</sup>He keeps | all his bones;\*
- not one of them is | broken.
- P <sup>21</sup>Affliction will slay the | wicked,\*
- and those who hate the righteous will | be condemned.
- C <sup>22</sup>The LORD redeems the life of his | servants;\*
- none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.

C **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.**

**Epistle Galatians 6:1-10**

**“Bear One Another’s Burdens”**

<sup>1</sup>Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>4</sup>But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. <sup>5</sup>For each will have to bear his own load.

<sup>6</sup>Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. <sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. <sup>8</sup>For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. <sup>9</sup>And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

A 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 Luke 10:23-37**

**“The Parable of the Good Samaritan”**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

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

<sup>23</sup>Then turning to the disciples he said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see!  
<sup>24</sup>For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.”

<sup>25</sup>And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup>He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” <sup>27</sup>And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup>But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>And the next day he took out two denarii[a] and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” <sup>37</sup>He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

LSB 206

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

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

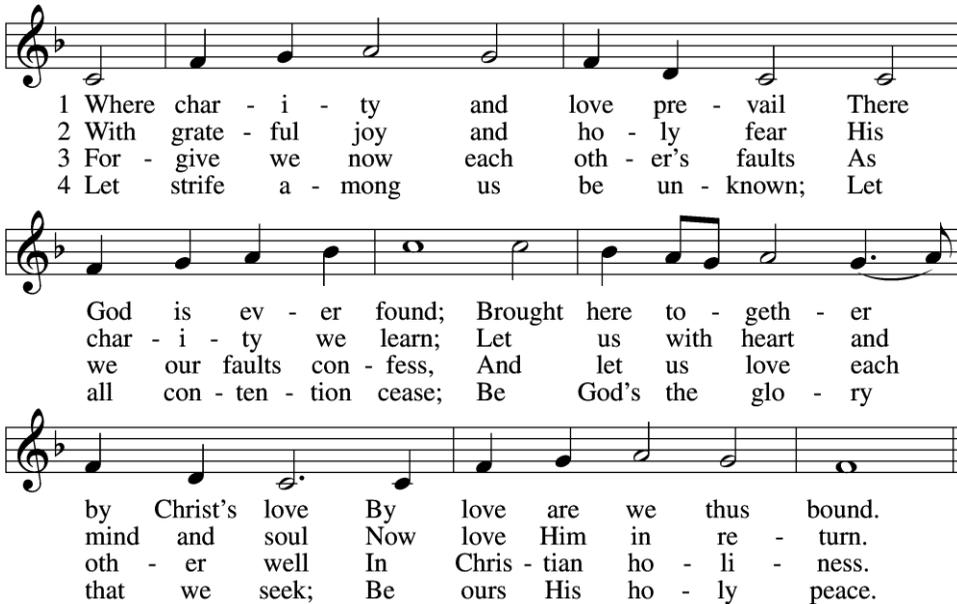
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

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

Sit

**Children’s Message “Bearing One Another’s Burdens” (Gal. 6:2, 10)** *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 845 Where Charity and Love Prevail (vs. 1-6)**



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There  
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His  
3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults As  
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; Let

God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er  
char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and  
we our faults con - fess, And let us love each  
all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry

by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.  
mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.  
oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.  
that we seek; Be ours His ho - ly peace.

5 Let us recall that in our midst  
Dwells Christ, His only Son;  
As members of His body joined  
We are in Him made one.

6 For love excludes no race or clan  
That names the Savior's name;  
His family embraces all  
Whose Father is the same.

**Sermon "Managing God's Gift of Other People"**  
(Psalm 34, Lev. 19:9-18, Gal. 6:1-10, Luke 10:23-37)

**Offering/Attendance**

As the offerings are being passed to you by the ushers, we ask that you take this time to fill out the attendance pads located in your pews so that we can acknowledge your presence with us today. We are so glad that you have joined us in worship here at Grace!!! We also 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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, through whom You give us Your gifts of the world, other people, time and work, and wealth. By His incarnation, life, suffering, death, and resurrection, He makes us new creations to thank and praise, serve and obey You, and manage all things to Your glory and for the benefit of our neighbor. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

- 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 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.**

**Lord's Prayer***LSB 209*

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

**The Words of Our Lord***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 T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."**

**Pax Domini**

LSB 209

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

**Agnus Dei**

LSB 210

C	1	O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.	2	O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.
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*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**—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**

**623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray (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
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.

### 643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing (vs. 1-2)



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our true faith con - fess - ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing, To God ev - er - liv - ing,



The peo - ple of God from His dwell - ing take leave.  
The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.



The Sup - per is end - ed. O now be ex - tend - ed  
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing,



The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
Em - brac - ing His chil - dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of His teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,  
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
U - nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing

To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.  
Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

**788 Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness (vs. 1-6)**

1 For - give us, Lord, for shal - low thank - ful - ness,  
2 Teach us to thank You, Lord, for love and grace,  
3 For - give us, Lord, for self - ish thanks and praise,  
4 Teach us, O Lord, true thank - ful - ness di - vine,

For dull con - tent with warmth and shel - tered care,  
For life and vi - sion, for a pur - pose clear,  
For words that speak at var - i - ance with deeds;  
That gives as Christ gave, nev - er count - ing cost,

For songs of praise for food and har - vest press,  
For Christ Your Son, and for each hu - man face  
For - give our thanks for walk - ing pleas - ant ways  
That knows no bar - ri - er of "yours" and "mine,"

While of Your rich - er gifts we're un - a - ware:  
That shows Your mes - sage ev - er new and near.  
Un - mind - ful of a bro - ken broth - er's needs:  
As - sured that on - ly what's with - held is lost.

- 5 Forgive us, Lord, for feast that knows not fast,  
For joy in things that meanwhile starve the soul,  
For walls and wars that hide Your mercies vast  
And blur our vision of the Kingdom goal:
- 6 Open our eyes to see Your love's intent,  
To know with minds and hearts its depth and height;  
May thankfulness be days in service spent,  
Reflection of Christ's life and love and light.

**Nunc Dimittis**

LSB 211

C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant  
Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory  
Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles  
Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people,  
Your chosen Israel.

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

**Post-Communion Collect**

LSB 212

A Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You for this undeserved gift of Your Son's body and blood, which restores us to life and community with You and with one another. Keep us firm in the faith that because You have borne the burden of our sin we may freely bear one another's burdens and thus bear witness to Your love; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

C **Amen.**

**Benedicamus**

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction**

LSB 212

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 848 Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service (vs. 1-4)**



1 Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice Bore the weight of  
2 Still Your chil-dren wan-der home-less; Still the hun-gry  
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, Till Your love's re-  
4 Called by wor-ship to Your ser-vice, Forth in Your dear



hu - man need, Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,  
cry for bread; Still the cap - tives long for free - dom;  
veal - ing light In its height and depth and great - ness,  
name we go, To the child, the youth, the a - ged,



Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed, We, Your ser - vants, bring the  
Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com -  
Dawns up - on our quick - ened sight, Mak - ing known the needs and  
Love in liv - ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good - will and



wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart, Con - se -  
pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the  
bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring  
com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



crat - ing to Your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that You im - part.  
love Your Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.  
us to tire - less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to share.  
ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom May Your mer - cy know and live.

### Announcements

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!



### ✿Altar Flowers✿

Altar flowers this week are given by Leah Abelt  
in celebration of her nephew's birthday.

## 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); Donna Horkan (healing & strength) sister of June Roewer; Greg Puetz (healing & strength); Jay (cancer) friend of Lisa Kamprath; Randy (cancer) Lori Kachelmeier's brother; Tom Adams, relative of Pauline Parker; Ron Savarino (healing & strength); Anita (healing & strength) friend of Janine Pieper; Shirley Stachowiak (cancer) Sharon Iseli's niece; Tim Dotson (healing & strength) Brother of Glenn Dotson; Larry Abelt Sr. (healing & strength) Leah Abelt's Father-in-Law; Kevin (upcoming surgery) Katie Nowack's friend.

**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: Kenneth Bullock**, Opal Simmons brother, and the family of **Dick**, Katie Nowack's boyfriend's uncle, who were called home to heavenly rest recently. We pray: *Almighty God, Father of mercies and God of all comfort, deal graciously with these families and all who mourn their deaths, 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>	Adam Voss	Tom Hengst	Richard Jackson
<u>Readers</u>	Suzie Mirenda	Cris Evers	Beth Jackson
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Suzie Mirenda	Lynn Buzzell	Lynn Buzzell
<u>Acolytes</u>		Garrison Hundt	Marty Taggatz
<u>Ushers</u>	Marlene Voss/Lance Kopperud	Anthony Hengst, Madilyn Hundt, Jaden Pfeilsifter, Evie Gamroth	Cathy Weeks, Rick Weeks, Amelia Poellet, Dachs Poellet

**In the narthex there are commitment forms & time/talents surveys.** Please fill those out and bring to church on Harvest Sunday (Commitment Sunday) Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> or return it to the church office when convenient. *(Extra commitment forms are available on the back table of the church and will be included next week in your bulletin).* I ask that, as you approach your commitment decisions and how God can use your time, talents, and treasures for service in God's Kingdom and in His Church, you seek God's guidance in prayer. Let the love of God guide you in your decision.

#### "Managing God's Gifts" Grace Lutheran Stewardship Emphasis

In our Stewardship series for the month of October we will learn that Holy Scripture says much on the topic of "stewardship," because God is a gracious giver. When we faithfully receive and humbly learn what God says on the topic, we see that "stewardship" is not a foreign concept in the Scriptures, nor is it a frightening imposition upon our Christian faith and life. Properly understood, *all* of our Christian faith and life is "stewardship."

Stewardship involves, permeates, and informs *every aspect* of our Christian faith and life. It describes how we believe and live as God's created, redeemed, and sanctified children in all of life. The term "stewardship" often translates the Greek word *oikonomia*, which literally means "the management of a household or family." A "steward," then, is an *oikonomos*, or "one who manages a household." Maybe "management" and "manager" would be more familiar—and more useful—terms.

When we speak of “good stewardship” or “being good stewards,” we refer to managing the things that belong to God. Our triune God is the “lord of the manor” who owns the mansion and the whole estate (everything in the world, including us); we are merely the *managers*, or “stewards” (think “butler,” “maid,” “chef,” etc.), of what belongs to Him. In *Managing God’s Gifts*, we will explore how “stewardship” embraces all of life.

First, on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will ponder good management of God’s created order, because “the earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof” (Psalm 24:1).

Next, on October 10<sup>th</sup>, we will explore how we can be “good stewards” (managers) in our relations with other people, serving them in our vocations and bearing their burdens (Galatians 6:2).

Third, on October 17<sup>th</sup>, we will consider time as God’s gift to be faithfully managed so that we may “be joyful and . . . do good as long as [we] live” (Ecclesiastes 3:12).

Finally, on October 24<sup>th</sup>, we will explore how God calls us to manage His good gift of money—which belongs to Him, not to us—in order that we may be cheerful givers (2 Corinthians 9:7).



**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.

### Choir at Grace

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



### DATE CHANGE for 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: Tuesday, October 19<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](#).

## **Youth Group Outing with Prince of Peace Youth Group**

**What: Corn Maze at Borzynski's Farm**

**Where: Borzynski’s Farm, 11600 Washington Ave., Mt. Pleasant, WI 53177**

**When: October 17th from 2-4pm**

Youth ages 5th grade through high school are invited. Parents can attend too. We will be meeting at the Borzynski Pumpkin Patch. (where you will drop-off and pick-up)



The cost for the outing is \$9 for adults (ages 13 and up) and \$7 for youth (under the age of 12). There is a group rate as well for over 20 people, we would be able to get a \$1 discount. Also, they offer hayrides for \$3 a person, but Borzynski's would need to know ahead of time if we plan on doing the hayride. Please let us know if you and your child plan on attending no later than Tuesday, October 12th so that we can let Borzynski's know how many will be in our group and if we are planning on having a hay ride. You can call the church office at 414-762-8990 or email me at [pastor@graceoakcreek.org](mailto:pastor@graceoakcreek.org).

**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.

**LUTHERAN HOUR - "Giving God Our Garbage"** Guest Speaker: Dr. Harold Ristau. Everything belongs to God and there isn't anything anyone could possibly give Him that He doesn't already have. And yet, there is one thing He desires: *our garbage—our sins, our shame, our guilt*—that He might put it all on Jesus. (1 Samuel 2:1-10) **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** - God honors us with the privilege of being the stewards of His Gospel. Because we know that Jesus has already given us His life, has risen from the dead, ascended into heaven, and has promised to return for the sake of our salvation, we are able to live in the grand and joyous confidence that God is at work in our stewardship. Rev Terry Forke wrote in the February 2014 edition of the Lutheran Witness: *"Day by day, where your work and play, God is using the life you live and words you speak to proclaim the Gospel; to invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers and family to meet Christ Who is our Savior."*

**WE LIVE TO GIVE GLORY  
AND THANKSGIVING TO GOD.**



"Thanks be to God for His  
indefinable gift"  
(2 Corinthians 9:15).

## IN THE WORD FOR THE 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Catechism:** Creed—First Article

**Verse of the week:** Psalm 139:13-14a, *"You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."*

**Psalm of the week:** Psalm 128

**Hymn of the week:** (LSB 504) "Father Most Holy" (stanzas 1-4)

**Bible Readings for the Week:**

**Sunday**— The Healing of the Paralytic—Matthew 9:1-8

**Monday**— Solomon's Heart Turns from the LORD—1 Kings 11:1-13

**Tuesday**— Solomon's Death & the Revolt Against Rehoboam—1 Kgs 11:41–12:19

**Wednesday**— Jeroboam and the Golden Calves—1 Kings 12:20-33

**Thursday**— The Man of God Comes to Bethel—1 Kings 13:1-34

**Friday**— Isaiah 55:1-9

**Saturday**— Proverbs 1:20-33

“We ask for the ability to welcome and love and embrace and care for all children—our own included. We open our arms to the orphans, whether they are frozen embryos, babies with mental or physical challenges, or those placed for adoption by a young mother. We trust that the life God gives, in whatever stage and condition, is a blessing from Him.” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – 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 30 & October 3, 2021**

**Offering**

<i>General Offering</i>	\$8,302.25	<b>Attendance</b>	106
<i>On-Line Giving</i>	2,361.20	<b>Communed</b>	69
<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		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,663.45</b>		

**OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE THIS WEEK**

<b>Sunday</b>	10/10	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship-MITES COLLECTION</b>
		9:15 am	Sunday School & Bible Study
		10:00 am	Willowcrest Worship
		<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship-MITES COLLECTION</b>
Monday	10/11	6:30 pm	Confirmation Class @ church
Tuesday	10/12	7:00 am	Men’s Bible Study & Breakfast @ OC Diner
Wednesday	10/13	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
		6:30 pm	Council Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	10/14	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Divine Worship</b>
		7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	10/16	9:00 am	<b>Zone 1 Fall Rally</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	10/17	<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>
		2:00 pm	Youth Group Outing – Borzynski’s

## 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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