

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

Oak Creek, Wisconsin
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Stewardship Emphasis:

"Managing God's Gift of Money"

October 21st & 24th, 2021

"By His Grace you are saved through faith"

Ephesians 2:8

Celebrate

Teach

Share

God's Grace



Managing GOD'S GIFTS

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Image: "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:7-8)

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 Money*”

Good stewardship, or “*management*,” of God’s gifts to us includes His gift of money, or “*unrighteous wealth*” (Luke 16:11). We often think, speak, and act as though money and wealth were “*ours*,” to do with as we please, no strings attached, no guidelines placed upon us. We even claim that what we do with “*our*” money is only between “*me and God*.” We certainly do not want to hear the pastor preach that dreaded “*money sermon*,” and we do not want the church telling us to “*give more*.” However, as with all things in heaven and earth, money actually belongs to God. God Himself preaches the “*money sermon*”! He gives us this means of exchange, this instrument of commerce and economic transaction, in order that we may show forth His glory and serve our neighbor. Since money belongs to Him, God actually has a lot to say about it in His Word. Managing God’s gift of money means that “*unrighteous wealth*” is not our sovereign lord, but rather our servant. Money is His gift to us to support ourselves, serve our neighbor, and promote the work of the Church in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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 851

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us (vs. 1-4)



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your
hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py
deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your
stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
 all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

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** ✠

and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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. Gracious heavenly Father, every good and perfect gift comes from You, and You provide us with everything we need for the support and needs of the body. Grant us repentance for misusing Your gift of money in self-serving and wasteful ways and grant us gratitude for the income You provide for our needs. Lead us to manage Your gift of money to Your glory and to be cheerful givers in serving our neighbors; 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 *Exodus 35:4-29*

“Contributions for the Tabernacle”

⁴Moses said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, “This is the thing that the LORD has commanded. ⁵Take from among you a contribution to the LORD. Whoever is of a generous heart, let him bring the LORD’s contribution: gold, silver, and bronze; ⁶blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen; goats’ hair, ⁷tanned rams’ skins, and goatskins; acacia wood, ⁸oil for the light, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, ⁹and onyx stones and stones for setting, for the ephod and for the breastpiece.

¹⁰“Let every skillful craftsman among you come and make all that the LORD has commanded: ¹¹the tabernacle, its tent and its covering, its hooks and its frames, its bars, its pillars, and its bases; ¹²the ark with its poles, the mercy seat, and the veil of the screen; ¹³the table with its poles and all its utensils, and the bread of the Presence; ¹⁴the lampstand also for the light, with its utensils and its lamps, and the oil for the light; ¹⁵and the altar of incense, with its poles, and the anointing oil and the fragrant incense, and the screen for the door, at the door of the tabernacle; ¹⁶the altar of burnt offering, with its grating of bronze, its poles, and all its utensils, the basin and its stand; ¹⁷the hangings of the court, its pillars and its bases, and the screen for the gate of the court; ¹⁸the pegs of the tabernacle and the pegs of the court, and their cords; ¹⁹the finely worked garments for ministering in the Holy Place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, for their service as priests.”

²⁰Then all the congregation of the people of Israel departed from the presence of Moses. ²¹And they came, everyone whose heart stirred him, and everyone whose spirit moved him, and brought the LORD’s contribution to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the holy garments. ²²So they came, both men and women. All who were of a willing heart brought brooches and earrings and signet rings and armlets, all sorts of gold objects, every man dedicating an offering of gold to the LORD. ²³And every one who possessed blue or purple or scarlet yarns or fine linen or goats’ hair or tanned rams’ skins or goatskins brought them. ²⁴Everyone who could make a contribution of silver or bronze brought it as the LORD’s contribution. And every one who possessed acacia wood of any use in the work brought it. ²⁵And every skillful woman spun with her hands, and they all brought what they had spun in blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen. ²⁶All the women whose hearts stirred them to use their skill spun the goats’ hair. ²⁷And the leaders brought onyx stones and stones to be set, for the ephod and for the breastpiece, ²⁸and spices and oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the fragrant incense. ²⁹All the men and women, the people of Israel, whose heart moved them to bring anything for the work that the LORD had commanded by Moses to be done brought it as a freewill offering to the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *2 Corinthians 9:6-15*

“The Cheerful Giver”

⁶The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹²For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. ¹³By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

- 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 16:1-13

“The Parable of the Dishonest Manager”

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

¹He also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write

fifty.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

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

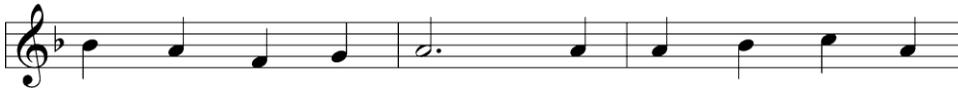
Children’s Message “Cheerfully Giving to Our Giving God” (2 Cor. 9:7-8) *The children of the congregation are invited to come up to the chancel area for a special message for them. Please note—parents of small children may also come up near the chancel area to accompany their children for the message)*

Sermon Hymn 787

The Temple Rang with Golden Coins (vs. 1-5)



1 The tem - ple rang with gold - en coins The
 2 A wid - ow came with cop - per coins And
 3 When Je - sus saw her cost - ly gift And
 4 At last He brought His of - fer - ing And
 5 Lord, help us all, with You, to yield What -



rich in bright ar - ray Con - trib - ut - ed from
 of - fered them in praise. They were the last she
 knew she had no more, He praised a love that
 laid it on a tree; There gave Him - self, His
 ev - er love de - mands And free - ly give, as



gleam - ing hoards Their scales could scarce - ly weigh.
 had to give Or save for dark - er days.
 spared not self And called her rich, though poor.
 life, His love For all hu - man - i - ty.
 You have giv'n, With o - pen hearts and hands.

Sermon “Managing God’s Gift of Money” (Psalm 112, Ex. 35:4-29, 2 Cor. 9:6-15, Luke 16:1-13)

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. 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:

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 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.

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:

617 O Lord, We Praise Thee (vs. 1-3)



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus (vs. 1-4)



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot-steps tread - ing,
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence

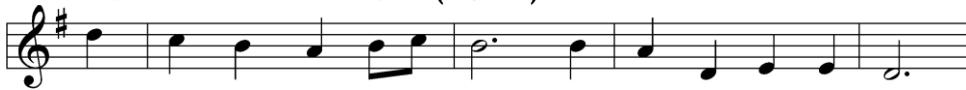


hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

781 We Give Thee But Thine Own (vs. 1-4)



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
 2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive
 3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold,
 4 To com - fort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
 And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!
 And lambs for whom the Shep-herd bled Are stray - ing from the fold.
 To tend the lone and fa - ther-less Is an - gels' work be - low.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

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

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

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 212

A Let us pray. O heavenly Father, our gracious God who gives all good things, we thank You for the riches of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who became poor that we might be made rich in Your forgiveness and life. Through this sacred Meal of His body and blood, strengthen us to receive Your gift of wealth with thanksgiving and be cheerful givers to Your glory and for the benefit of our neighbor; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 785

We Praise You, O God (vs. 1-3)



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.
 And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,
 With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
 And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Announcements

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!



✿Altar Flowers✿

Altar flowers this week are given by Rick & Cathy Weeks

in celebration of their 5th 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); 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; Ken 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; **John** (healing) Jim Pieper's brother; **Dennis & Mary** (healing & strength) friends of Joy Lussier; **Andie** (cancer) friend of Joy Lussier.

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 family of Maggie Ruiz, friend of Chet Parker's cousin, Tammy Adams, who was called home to heavenly rest. We pray: Almighty God, Father of mercies and God of all comfort, deal graciously with Maggie's family and all her mourn her death, that, casting every care on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. 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.

If you do not have access to a computer you may call:

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| 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> |
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| <u>Elders</u> | Lance Kopperud | Adam Voss | Rick Weeks |
| <u>Readers</u> | Pastor Taggatz | Glenn Dotson | Lisa Kamprath |
| <u>Communion Set-up</u> | Suzie Miranda | 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. 24th 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 3rd, 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 10th, 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 17th, 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).

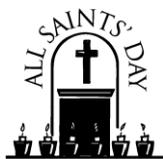
Finally, on October 24th, we will explore how God calls us to manage His good gift of money—which belongs to Him, not to us—in order that we may be cheerful givers (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study—The Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study will be starting a new Bible Study Book on Wednesday, Nov. 3rd, “*Take Heart: God’s Comfort for Anxious Thoughts*” by Lindsay Hausch. This book can be purchased on cph.org or on *Amazon*, either in Kindle or Paperback format. We meet on Wednesday mornings at church at 9:30 a.m. All women of our congregation are invited to attend. Here is a description of the new book. Real life can be a real mess. Feelings of anxiety can overwhelm and drag us down. We want to turn away from others and rely on ourselves to escape the situation. But we are alone are not enough to overcome our anxious thoughts. God will not let go of you. He will meet you in the midst of your darkness, in the place where you think you are farthest from Him. Author Lindsay Hausch is no stranger to real-life struggles with anxious thoughts. In her debut Bible study, learn that even with the power of God’s grace, overcoming anxious thoughts is not as simple of praying enough or having enough faith. Instead, the struggle can be a training ground for spiritual growth. His power is made perfect in weakness. So, take heart, we’re made whole in His love.



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.

PLEASE NOTE - Starting on October 24th the Sunday morning bible study will be held at the Grace Lutheran School library (8537 S. Pennsylvania Ave.)



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 7th, 2021.

Milwaukee Lutheran High School Music Boosters presents the **41st Annual Artisan Craft Fair and Bake Sale** on Saturday, November 13th from 9:00AM-3:00PM in the Field House. Come and support the Milwaukee Lutheran choir and band programs as the Music Boosters host one of the largest Craft Fairs and Bake Sale in SE Wisconsin—**over 100 booths!!** Admission is only \$3 at the door.

Follow our Facebook page for all the details: www.facebook.com/MLHSCraftFair

- Unique, high-quality vendors—everything from vintage postal banks to pet items! Our vendors feature holiday decorations & ornaments, handmade jewelry, sensory items, upcycle coastal décor, organic soaps, clothing, artwork, sewing, yarn & fiber crafts, woodwork, stained glass, handcrafted toys, handwoven baskets, and much more. **Handmade crafters are featured in 90% of our booths!**
- Homemade Bake Sale featuring **bread, whole pies, and treats!**
- **Live holiday performances** from our talented band and choir ensembles. We even provide seating for those who would like to take a break and enjoy the music.
- **Large raffle** featuring items from our vendors
- Wide aisles make shopping easy; in fact, **strollers are welcome!** We are also **handicap accessible!**
- We provide a free coat check for our shopper’s convenience.
- Need someone to watch your kids while you shop? Stop by our **monitored Kids’ Craft Table**. We have supervised crafts for our youngest guests!

Choir at Grace

If you have a spirit of praise and a song in your heart, the Grace choir is looking for you. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings following the 6:30pm worship service.

LUTHERAN HOUR - "He will Take It" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Dr. Michael Zeigler helps us to see God's wrath within the bigger story of God's love. (1 Samuel 15) **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.

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| 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 - When Jesus was asked what was the greatest commandment, He responded by saying, “*You shall love the Lord your God...And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself*” (Matthew 22:37-38). When we grow in love toward God and in love toward our neighbors, we live the Christian life. This growth in the Christian life is called sanctification. As Christians, we are temples of the Holy Spirit Who enables us to love God and our neighbors. Our sanctification in this life is never perfect. It is a process.

**IF OUR SAVED MONEY BECOMES
THE OBJECT OF OUR DEVOTION,
WE CHANGE FROM BEING SAVERS
TO BEING HOARDERS.**

“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith . . .”
(1 Timothy 6:10).



IN THE WORD FOR THE 22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Catechism: Creed—Second Article

Verse of the week: Isaiah 53:5, “*He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.*”

Psalm of the week: Psalm 130

Hymn of the week: (LSB 555) “Salvation unto Us Has Come” (stanzas 6-10)

Bible Readings for the Week:

Sunday— Jesus Heals the Official’s Son—John 4:46-54

Monday— Elijah’s Message to Ahab—1 Kings 18:1-19

Tuesday— The LORD’S Victory on Mount Carmel—1 Kings 18:20-40

Wednesday— The Drought Ends and Elijah Escapes Jezebel—1 Kings 18:41–19:9a

Thursday— The LORD’S Revelation to Elijah—1 Kings 19:9b-21

Friday— St Simon and St Jude, Apostles—John 15:12-21

Saturday— Naboth’s Vineyard—1 Kings 21:1-16

“Society should address every act of injustice and partiality based on ethnicity, and not allow politicians to use envy or ‘race’ for election ploys. ‘Wisdom from above’ is needed, says James, lest there be ‘wars among you.’ Resist the calls to revolution and repair to the One who is able to bring all men together, at the Cross.” *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James – 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
October 14 & 17, 2021**

Offering

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| <i>General Offering</i> | \$2,763.25 | Attendance | 155 |
| <i>On-Line Giving</i> | | Communed | 90 |
| <i>Missions</i> | 0.00 | | |
| <i>Debt Fund</i> | 0.00 | | |
| <i>Mortgage Offering</i> | 115.00 | | |
| <i>Lutheran High</i> | 0.00 | | |
| <i>Bible Study/Sunday School</i> | 0.00 | | |
| Total | \$2,878.25 | | |

OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE THIS WEEK

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| Sunday | 10/24 | 8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:00 am 10:30 am | Harvest Sunday Sunday School @ church Bible Study @ school library Willowcrest Worship Harvest Sunday |
| Monday | 10/25 | 6:30 pm | Confirmation Class-pub. school @ church |
| Tuesday | 10/26 | 7:00 am | Men's Bible Study & Breakfast @ OC Diner |
| Wednesday | 10/27 | 9:30 am | Ladies Bible Study |
| Thursday | 10/28 | 6:30 pm 7:30 pm | Divine Worship Choir Rehearsal |
| Sunday | 10/31 | 8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:00 am 10:30 am | Reformation Worship Sunday School @ church Bible Study @ school library Willowcrest Worship Reformation Worship |

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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