

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

Oak Creek, Wisconsin
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National Lutheran Schools Week

January 20th & 23rd, 2022

Celebrate

Teach

Share

God's Grace

"By His Grace you are saved through faith"
Ephesians 2:8



Image: "16For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together" (Colossians 1:16-17)

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 “In All Things”

National Lutheran Schools Week (NLSW) is the opportunity to celebrate with 1,885 schools nationwide and to give thanks for the gift of Lutheran schools to students, families and communities. Churches and schools rejoice in a partnership in and a shared vision for proclaiming God's grace and mercy to equip the next generation of faithful Christian servants. The theme this year is “*In All Things*” and is inspired by Colossians 1:17-20: “*He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church ... [He reconciles] to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.*” This timeless theme empowers Lutheran schools to praise and share Christ in the sanctuary, classroom, STEM lab, choir room, playground, gym, athletic field, faculty lounge, office and every place where God's children and their leaders gather. In praise and thanksgiving to God, teachers and students strive to do their best, seeking to do all things well, and when they fall short they are blessed to be able to seek the grace of God for forgiveness and then rededicate their efforts individually, and as a school, to glorify God and serve His people.

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 ✠

Preservice Music “In the Bleak Midwinter” Gustav Holst, Arr. John O Reilly and John Kinyon
Martin Luther High School Brass Ensemble (Sunday only)

Opening Hymn 359 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (vs. 1-4)



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in
3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet - ness fills the
4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As proph - ets long have
mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er
air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark - ness ev - 'ry -
woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness



sung, It came, a flow - 'ret bright, A - mid the
kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to
where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and
know: Bring us at length we pray To the bright



cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.
us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.
death He saves us And light - ens ev - 'ry load.
courts of heav - en, And to the end - less day.

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.

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.**

✠ WORD ✠

Introit Ps. 34:8-10; antiphon: v. 11 (spoken responsively)

Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;*

I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.

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

Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in him!

Oh, fear the LORD, | you his saints,*

for those who fear him | have no lack!

The young lions suffer want and | hunger;*

but those who seek the LORD lack | no good thing.

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.
Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;*
I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.

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.

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

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

Sit

Old Testament Reading *Genesis 1:26-31*

(God creates mankind in his own image)

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

²⁷So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” ²⁹And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

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

Gradual

- P The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
C **and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.**

- P Let the wise hear and increase in learning,
C **and the one who understands obtain guidance.**

- P Hear, my son, your father's instruction,
C **and forsake not your mother's teaching.**

Epistle Lesson *Colossians 1:15-20*

(In Christ all things hold together)

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

- 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 *John 1:14-20*

(The Word became flesh and dwelt among us)

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

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ¹⁶And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

¹⁹And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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 "In All Things" (Col. 1:15-20) *The children of the congregation are invited to come up to the chancel area for a special message for them. Please note—parents of small children may also come up near the chancel area to accompany their children for the message)*

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



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



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



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

Sermon “In Christ in All Things” (Col. 1:15-20)

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 website 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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so 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, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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

Distribution Hymns:

873 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies (vs. 1-3)



- 1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
- 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa-nied by Thee;
- 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a-rise; Tri-umph o'er the shades of night.
Joy-less is the day's re-turn Till Thy mer-cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra-dian-cy di-vine, Scat-ter all my un-be-lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap-pear.
Till they in-ward light im-part, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
More and more Thy-self dis-play, Shin-ing to the per-fect day.

865 Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain (vs. 1-4)



1 Lord, help us ev - er to re - tain The Cat - e -
 2 Help us Your ho - ly Law to learn, To mourn our
 3 Hear us, dear Fa - ther, when we pray For need - ed
 4 Lord, when we fall or go a - stray, Ab - solve and



chism's — doc - trine plain As Lu - ther taught the
 sin and from it turn In faith to You and
 help from day to day That as Your chil - dren
 lift us up, we pray; And through the Sac - ra -



Word of truth In sim - ple style to ten - der youth.
 to Your Son And Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One.
 we may live, Whom You bap - tized and so re - ceived.
 ment in - crease Our faith till we de - part in peace.

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. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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 921 On What Has Now Been Sown (vs. 1-3)



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

Post Service Music "Pastorale" Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach Martin Luther High School Brass Ensemble (Sunday only)

Announcements

P: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!



✿*Altar Flowers*✿

Altar flowers today are given by Kathy Szefflinski
in memory of Jake & Lauren Szefflinski.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

For all who worship this day, bless us through your Word, O Lord. Pam Umaski (healing & strength); Terri Meyer (cancer); 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; Tom Janes (healing & strength) Diane Pielsnik's brother; 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; 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 (healing & strength) Katie Nowack's friend; Andie (cancer) friend of Joy Lussier. Sindy Schmidt (back issues) friend of Lori Kachelmeier; Tim (surgery) Donna Dotson's brother; Gordon (healing) relative of Janine Pieper; Renee Lutzke (healing); Michelle Stein (cancer) sister-in-law of Pat Toman; Christine (healing) friend of Jill Nowack; Bryghtten (healing) relative of Carol Thurber; Greg Nowakowski (healing & strength); Myles King (blood disorder) son of Matthew & Meredith King; James Giambi (healing) Donna Dotson's Sister in Law's Nephew; Cindy Riemer (cancer); Kathy Senger (cancer) Lowell & Pat Johnson's friend; Michael Helzer (cancer) friend of Michael Parker.

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 **Laurie Wenzel** and **Donna Wenzel** as their uncle/brother, Jim Miller, was recently called home to heavenly rest. May God give them comfort in the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and salvation we have through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All those on the Grace Prayer Line dealing with long term health and medical issue; Hear our prayer. We encourage you to submit prayer requests for worship and/or our prayer line by emailing: Paulinemom@aol.com.

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

Prayers for worship:		Church Office	414-762-8990
Requests on prayer line:	10am–3 pm	Carol Thurber	414-762-9615
	3pm-9 pm	Pauline Parker	414-764-5574

Assisting with the Divine Service

We thank God for all those individuals who have been involved in supporting our worship services this week. If you are interested in assisting in any of the ways shown below, please speak with pastor or one of our elders.

	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Sunday 8:00 am</u>	<u>Sunday 10:30 am</u>
<u>Elders</u>	Rick Weeks	Tom Hengst	Greg Nowakowski
<u>Readers</u>	Kathy Szefflinski	Erica Vitek	Beth Jackson
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Suzie Mirenda	Jeanne Meyer	Jeanne Meyer
<u>Linens</u>	Jennifer Olen	Jennifer Olen	Jennifer Olen
<u>Acolytes</u>			Junior Edgerton
<u>Ushers</u>	Marlene Voss, Lance Kopperud	Leah Abelt, Paige Vitek, Benjamin Tindall, Henry Tindall	Cathy Weeks, Rick Weeks, Amelia Poellet, Dachs Poellet

Today we are pleased to have the Martin Lutheran High School Brass Ensemble with us at both the 8:00am and 10:30am services. Thank you to the musicians for being here with us this morning as we kick off National Lutheran Schools Week and we pray that God would continue to bless them as they grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at Martin Luther High School.

Update on Youth Group Tea Towel Fundraiser for the 2022 LCMS National Youth Gathering. Thank you for your purchases to help raise funds for our Lutheran Youth Group to go to the LCMS National Youth Gathering this summer. Please note: any payments for the Tea Towels can be given to Jennifer Poellet or left in her mailbox at church.

UPDATE ON THE PARKING LOT PROJECT AT CHURCH

Currently, we have about \$41,400 in dedicated funds to go towards the repair and replacement of our church parking lot. We have received a generous matching grant offer from one of our members here at Grace of \$10,000. If our congregation can raise an addition \$10,000 by the end of May 2022 we will receive the matching grant money, which will go to replace our Church and ECC parking lot. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to support the repair and replacement of our parking lot. We would like to start on this project sometime in the Summer of this year of 2022. Thank you for your ongoing support of the ministries at Grace!!!

2022 Altar Flowers

- ❖ Sign-up for 2022 Altar Flowers! The sign-up sheet is posted on the white board in the narthex.
- ❖ Place your flower order directly with Parkway Floral in South Milwaukee at (414) 762-0246.
- ❖ Flowers will be delivered to church, free of charge, before the Thursday evening service.
- ❖ You can also supply your own arrangement. Rachel Miliacca at the ECC can provide you with a vase liner.
- ❖ Your flowers will be refrigerated after the Thursday service so they will be fresh for Sunday's services.
- ❖ Take your flowers to enjoy at home after the 10:30am service on Sunday.

Reminder: If you want to put flowers on the altar, you must pay for it directly to the florist (Parkway Floral, South Milwaukee) if using a florist. Do not put money in an envelope and put it in the offering baskets. Thank you.

Blessings for Baby – A Place for Refuge

January is the month we celebrate Life Sunday. Locally we support *A Place for Refuge*-advocacy program supporting women facing crisis pregnancy. We will be collecting items thru January 30-look for the box in the narthex. Items of need are: infant sleepers, bibs, infant board books, infant wash cloths and towels, infant toys and infant socks. THANK YOU!

Your 2022 Grace Lutheran Offering Envelopes are available in the narthex of the Church. Please feel free to pick your envelopes up and we thank you for your continued support of our Church, School, and Early Childcare Center through the stewardship of your time, talents, and treasures! God bless you! ****Please do not use until January 2022.****

The Grace Board of Stewardship and ECC present the 2022 Chili Fundraiser. Orders can be placed between now until January 21st. Chili forms can be dropped off at church, school, or ECC, or contact the ECC office: 414-762-8755. Orders can be picked up after January 23rd. The cost for the chili is \$10 per quart. All funds will go towards ECC's re-accréditation process. Please see the back table in the Narthex to pick up an order form for this Chili Fundraiser. Thanks for your generosity and support of our Grace Early Childhood Center!!!

Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting—There will be a special meeting to plan for VBS here at our School this Summer at Grace. It will be on Tuesday, January 25th at 5:30pm in our school library. If you would like to help out with VBS at Grace this Summer, you are invited to attend the meeting. We will be discussing the date for VBS this year, the program we would like to use, and assigning responsibilities to volunteers in planning the different stations for VBS. We hope to see you there. Questions? Contact Pastor Taggatz at jtaggatz@yahoo.com or at 414-762-8990 or on his cell 715-467-1231.

Grace Lutheran School Oak Creek Open House! Come to our open house on Monday, February 7th from 4-6:30pm. Call our School Office to schedule a tour and make an appointment: 414-762-3655. This open house is by appointment only. We accept WI School Choice Vouchers. We are a nationally accredited private grade school. We have a strong academic curriculum and a Christian environment. We have extracurricular programs with boys and girls athletic teams. We also have before and after school programs. Go to our website: graceoakcreek.org

GIVING TO GRACE THROUGH THE THRIVENT CHOICE PROGRAM—When you're ready to make an impact on the causes and nonprofits you care most about, we're here to help. Through our Thrivent Choice® program, you can make a personal donation or direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® to more than 40,000 churches and non profits. Eligible members can recommend where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable funding by directing Choice Dollars®. Members become eligible for Thrivent Choice based on insurance premiums, contract values and Thrivent volunteer leadership. *****Special notice regarding the Thrivent Choice Program:** Thrivent members wishing to continue their automatic withdrawal to the charity of their choice will have to let Thrivent know either by e-mail or phone. All you have to do is call this 1- 800 number in order to see if you have Thrivent Choice dollars to give. To continue to direct your Choice Dollars to the charity of your choice call: 800-THRIVENT(800-847-4836) and state " *Thrivent Choice.*"

For More information on the Thrivent Choice Program please go to: <https://www.thrivent.com/what-we-offer/generosity/thrivent-choice.html>

LUTHERAN HOUR -"Caught" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Words have power to catch the listener, the power of Jesus' words and story, even more so. (Luke 4:38 - 5:16) **The Lutheran Hour can be heard any time on the internet at:** lhm.org scroll down the page and click on, "listen now." Or listen to any of these local radio stations on Sunday mornings.

WTMJ	Milwaukee, WI	103.3	FM	Sun	6:30 AM
WTMJ	Milwaukee, WI	620	AM	Sun	5:30 AM
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IN THE WORD FOR THE 3rd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Catechism: Sacrament of Holy Baptism: What does such baptizing with water indicate? Where is this written?

Verse of the week: James 5:16, *“Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”*

Psalm of the week: Psalm 143

Hymn of the week: (LSB 766) “Our Father, Who from Heaven Above” (stanzas 6-9)

Bible Readings for the Week:

Sunday— Healing the Centurion’s Servant—Matthew 8:1-13

Monday— King Manasseh of Judah—2 Chronicles 33:1-20

Tuesday— King Josiah of Judah—2 Chronicles 34:1-28

Wednesday— Jeremiah the Priest Is Called to Be a Prophet—Jeremiah 1:1-19

Thursday— St Titus, Pastor and Confessor—Acts 20:28-35

Friday— King Josiah Restores the Worship—2 Chronicles 34:29-33

Saturday—King Josiah Celebrates the Passover—2 Chronicles 35:1-27

**THE FAITHFUL CHILD OF GOD
CANNOT HELP BUT USE ALL HE
IS AND HAS TO GLORIFY GOD.**

“Let everything that has breath
praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!”
(Psalm 150:6).

Stewardship Minute—Stewardship is our response to what God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Through faith, we acknowledge that God has redeemed us and reconciled us to Himself through Jesus. Out of gratitude and thanksgiving for all of God’s love, grace, and mercy, we live lives as faithful stewards who glorify Him by using our time, talents, and money in His service. Stewardship is our whole life response to God’s abundant grace in our lives. The sainted T. A. Kantonen wrote, “The life of stewardship is nothing less than ‘total devotion’ to the Christ Who is known as a real, living personal presence in the hearts of believers, a genuine loyalty that is expressed not in mere opinion or sentiment but in character and conduct.”

“The Lord called all things into being, from the greatest to the least, with His mighty mere Word. But He formed the human bodies with His own fingers and His very breath. He lovingly, intimately, and meticulously knits us together in our mothers’ wombs.”
Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life - 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
 January 13 & 16, 2022**

<u>Offering</u>			
<i>General Offering</i>	\$3,688.25	<i>Attendance</i>	105
<i>On-Line Giving</i>	230.71	<i>Communed</i>	77
<i>Missions</i>	25.00		
<i>Debt Fund</i>	0.00		
<i>Mortgage Offering</i>	65.00		
<i>Lutheran High</i>	0.00		
<i>Bible Study/Sunday School</i>	0.00		
Total	\$4,008.96		

Please note: In order to make budget for our fiscal year ending in June 2022, we need to receive about \$7,000 a week in offerings for our church. Thank you for your generosity and support of the ministries here at Grace of our Church, School and Early Childhood Center!

OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday	1/23	8:00 am	Worship Service
		9:15 am	Sunday School
		9:15 am	Bible Study (school library)
		10:30 am	Worship Service
Monday	1/24	6:30 pm	Confirmation Class @ church
Tuesday	1/25	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast @ OC Diner
		5:30 pm	VBS Meeting - Grace School Library
Wednesday	1/26	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
Thursday	1/27	6:30 pm	Worship Service
Sunday	1/30	8:00 am	Divine Worship
		9:15 am	Sunday School
		9:15 am	Bible Study (school library)
		10:30 am	Divine 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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