Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 3rd & 6th, 2022

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



Image: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!" (Isaiah 6:3)

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!

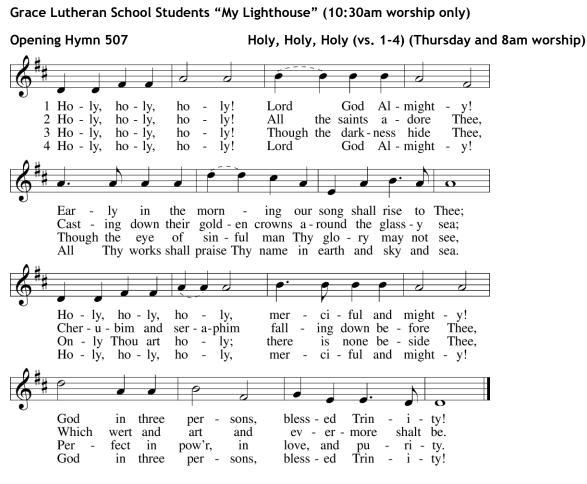
As We Gather "Holy Makes Us Holy"

God calls us to be His holy people. Through the words of the prophet Isaiah and through his experience in God's presence, the Lord reassures us that in love He forgives our sins and makes it possible for us to be holy in His sight. In the Hebrew language, to express what we would call a comparative word, you would say the "base word" twice—so "holier" would be expressed "holy, holy," and that which is the holiest would be spoken of in the superlative as "holy, holy, holy." And that is what our God is! Yet He knows us and cares for us individually. How amazing is that!

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. <u>Please take these moments as</u> <u>an opportunity to focus on prayer</u>. 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 1



Stand

Confession and Absolution

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

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

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Introit Psalm 71:15-18; antiphon: v. 12 (sung responsively)



- O God, be not | far from me;*
 - O my God, make haste to | help me!
- My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation | all the day,* for their number is past my | knowledge.

With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD | I will come;*

I will remind them of your righteousness, | yours alone.

O God, from my youth you have | taught me,*

and I still proclaim your | wondrous deeds.

So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not for- | sake me,*

until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all | those to come.

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.

O God, be not | far from me;* O my God, make haste to | help me!

Kyrie

LSB 152

- A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.

This Is the Feast

LSB 155

C This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 156

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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 Isaiah 6:1-8

(Isaiah has an amazing vision of the seraphim.)

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

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

Gradual Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8 (read responsively)

Praise the LORD, all | nations!* Extol him, all | peoples! For great is his steadfast | love toward us,* and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever. Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;* bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20

(Paul writes of the importance of building up the Church.)

Since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.

¹³Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. ¹⁴For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. ¹⁵What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. ¹⁶Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say "Amen" to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? ¹⁷For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. ¹⁸I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. ¹⁹Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

²⁰Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

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

Holy Gospel Luke 5:1-11

(Jesus facilitates a miraculous catch of fish.)

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

¹On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ²and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ⁹For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." ¹¹And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

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

Nicene Creed

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 T of the world to come. Amen.

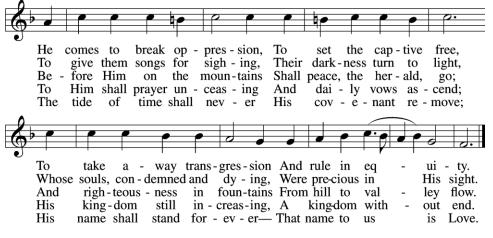
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Children's Message "We See Heaven on Earth" (Isaiah 6:1-8) The children of the congregation are invited to come up to the chancel area for a special message for them. <u>Please note</u>—parents of small children may also come up near the chancel area to accompany their children for the message)

Sermon Hymn 398

Hail to the Lord's Anointed (vs. 1-5)

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1 Hail	to the Lord's a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He	comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He	shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;
4 Kings	shall fall down be - fore Him And gold and in - cense bring;
5 O'er	ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, He on His throne shall rest,
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Hail,	in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
To	help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;
Love,	joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.
All	na-tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing.
From	age to age more glo - rious, All bless-ing and all - blest.



Sermon "A Love/Fear Relationship" (Luke 5:1-11)

Offertory

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? С I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my yows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people. in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Offering/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.")



Preface

- 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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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

 C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- 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.
- C Amen.

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Lord's Prayer

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

The Words of Our Lord

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

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

Agnus Dei

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

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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:

827 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling (vs. 1-4) 1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call-ing, "Who will go and work to - day? 2 Some take up His task in morn-ing, To their Lord re - spond-ing soon; as rain and snow from heav - en Wa - ter seeds in dust - y soil, 3 For 4 Hear - ken to the Lord whose com - ing Marks the time when grace shall end, are white and har-vests wait-ing—Who will bear the sheaves a - way?" Fields are called in heat of mid-day, Oth-ers late in Some af - ter-noon; Caus - ing them to bud and flow - er, Giv - ing bread to those who toil: When with His an - gel - ic reap - ers He in glo - ry shall de-scend. Loud and long the Mas-ter call - eth; Rich re-ward He of - fers thee. the sun is set - ting. Some are sent in - to the fields. E - ven as So the Lord sends forth His prom-ise, Words of life and joy and peace-Soon the night, the fi - nal har - vest; Soon the time for work shall cease. Who will an-swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"? There to gath-er in the boun-ty That God's Word so rich - ly yields. Nev - er void to Him re-turn-ing, Bear - ing fruit with great in-crease. Then the souls His grace has gar-nered Shall en - joy His Sab - bath peace.

636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness (vs. 1-5)

1 Soul, your - self with glad - ness, dorn Leave the а 2 Has - ten as а bride to meet Him, And with 3 He who pre - cious trea - sure Nei ther craves а Ι hum - bly 4 Now in faith pon - der 0 ver 5 Je of last - ing plea - sure, Tru sus. source est haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to gloom - y the day-light's lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts nor of cost That the bread of life this sur pass - ing won - der is friend, and dear - est trea - sure, Peace be - yond all un - der with splen - dor, There your prais - es der. joy ren mor - tal He is knock - ing at your tal. por God free - ly heav - en to us has giv en. bound-less Though the souls it feeds are count less: stand - ing, Joy in to all life ex pand ing: the One whose grace un-bound - ed Bless This a - maz - ing pen wide the 0 gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the the choic - est wine of heav - en With Christ's own blood to Hum - bly now, Ι bow be - fore You: Love in - car - nate. ban - quet found ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and Him: there a - dore Grant. Lord, that Ι now re gifts here of fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you Oh. us is giv en. most glo - rious con - so -Ι a - dore You; Wor thi ly let me re -

Stand

Thank the Lord

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
 Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
 He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Collect

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

Benediction

- 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.

Sit

Closing Hymn 797



Praise the Almighty (vs. 1-5)

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Announcements

P: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

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 (thanksgiving for return from deployment with the National Guard) Debbie Oelke's daughter; Local Law Enforcement and First Responders; Tom Janes (healing & strength) Diane Pielsnik's brother; 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; Michael Parker (healing & strength) Pauline Parker's son; Emily Peterson (healing & strength) Morgan Parker's cousin; Cara (healing & strength) friend of Emilee, Carol Thurber's Granddaughter; Jim & Kari (healing and strength) friends of Joy Lussier; Heather (healing and strength) Lance Kopperud'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 family of **Greg Puetz**, as they mourn over his recent death, and the death of his sister, **Kathy Campbell**. We also mourn with the family and friends of **Bev Buretta**, who has fallen asleep in Jesus. May God give them comfort in the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and salvation we have through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 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:

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>	Sunday 8:00 am	<u>Sunday 10:30 am</u>
<u>Elders</u>	Rick Weeks	Adam Voss	Richard Jackson
<u>Readers</u>	Pastor Taggatz	Glenn Dotson	Beth Jackson
Communion Set-up	Jennifer Olen	Kathy Szeflinski	Kathy Szeflinski
<u>Linens</u>	Char Klipfel	Char Klipfel	Char Klipfel
<u>Acolytes</u>		Garrison Hundt	Marty Taggatz
<u>Ushers</u>	Charlotte Klipfel, Doug Klipfel	Anthony Hengst, Jaden Pfeilsifter, Madilyn Hundt, Evie Gamroth	Ron Savarino, Lowell Johnson, Gabe Dachel, Madeline King, Carsen Serdynski

Grace Lutheran School Oak Creek Open House! Come to our open house on Monday, February 7th from 4-6:30pm. <u>Call our school office to schedule a tour and make an appointment: 414-762-3655.</u> 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: <u>graceoakcreek.org.</u>

Grace Ladies Guild – Our meeting is on Saturday, February 12, 10:00 am at church. All ladies are more than welcome to join us! Our agenda is:

-Selecting new Secret Sisters

-Missions Unpacked!

-We will be visiting Asia- via language, food and a craft!

Hunger Task Force - Annual Fund Drive

The Evangelism Board along with the *Hunger Task Force* are holding our Annual Fund Drive from **February 10 thru March 20, 2022**. Pantry traffic is up and the lingering challenges of the pandemic and unemployment are making it harder and harder for parents and seniors to put food on the table. The best way to support the *Hunger Task Force* during the pandemic is to make a monetary donation. The *Hunger Task Force* will then purchase the food to be distributed to those in need. There will be envelopes on the table in the back of church to put your donations. The envelopes then can be placed in the offering plate. Checks should be made out to: <u>Grace Lutheran Church</u>. Please write *Hunger Task Force* in the memo section of your check. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Grace Youth Group Game Night at Grace Lutheran School-Friday, February 18th from 5:30-8pm. We will be having a short 30-minute meeting from 5:30-6pm with the parents of the youth that will be going to the 2022 LCMS National Youth Gathering. For the game night, the youth are welcome to bring their own treats. We will also be decorating envelopes that we will be using as part of our National Youth Gathering Fundraiser in March. We hope to see you there! Youth ages 5th grade through High School are invited to attend.

UPDATE ON THE PARKING LOT PROJECT AT CHURCH

Currently, we have about \$43,451 in dedicated funds to go towards the repair and replacement of our church parking lot. (*Thank you for many of you within the congregation who in the past few weeks have donated \$2,050.00, since we communicated about the challenge grant for the 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!!!



Brrrr! It is cold outside. Warm up with some homemade chili made by the Board of Stewardship. We still have some left...don't delay! Pick up an order form on the table in the narthex. Order and/or pick up after church. Chili order forms can be dropped off at church, school, or ECC, or contact the ECC office: 414-762-8755. The cost for the chili is \$10 per quart. All funds will go towards ECC's reaccreditation process. Thanks for your generosity and support of our Grace Early Childhood Center!!!

LWML 2023 Convention-Milwaukee

The planning has started for the bi-annual LWML convention to be held in Milwaukee in 2023! At this time we are in need of women to step into a variety of host committee roles. The Guest Services dept. has vacancies in the following areas:

- Child Care Chairman and Directors
- Food Services Chairman and Directors
- Tours Chairman
- Transportation Chairman and Directors

Role descriptions and volunteer applications are available at: <u>www.lwml-swd.org/events/other</u> Questions can also be addressed to Jennifer Olen, Guest Services Dept. Coordinator:

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Lenten Midweek Series for Grace Lutheran Church Ash Wednesday March 2nd – Easter Sunday April 17th, 2022 *"Return to the Lord!"*

Join us for this exciting series as we meditate upon Christ's passion in dying on the cross to save us from our sins. Please note: **ASH WEDNESDAY** will be on March 2nd with Holy Communion at 6:30 p.m. There will be no Thursday evening service on March 3rd. The Lenten Services following Ash Wednesday will be on Thursday nights at 6:30pm without communion. Here is an overview of the series:

Wed., March 2nd 6:30pm with Communion - Ash Wednesday: "Return to the Lord, Who Is Gracious" Joel 2:12–19 Thursday, March 10th 6:30pm - "Return to the Lord, Who Has Redeemed You" Isaiah 44:21–28

Thursday, March 10th 0:50pm - Return to the Lord, who has Redeemed You Isalah 44:21–26

Thursday, March 17th 6:30pm - "Return to the Lord, Who Will Restore You" Jeremiah 15:19–21

Thursday, March 24th 6:30pm - "Return to the Lord, Who Will Raise You Up" Hosea 6:1-6

Thursday, March 31st 6:30pm - "Return to the Lord, Who Does Not Change" Malachi 3:6–12

Thursday, April 7th 6:30pm - "Return to the Lord, Who Does Not Tire of Calling You" Amos 4:6–13 Thursday, April 14th 6:30pm w/communion - Maundy Thursday: "The Lord Returns to Jerusalem with Mercy" Zechariah 1:12–17

Friday, April 15th 12:00pm Good Friday Worship no communion - "It Is Finished" John 19:30

Friday, April 15th 6:30pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service - "The Word of the Lord Returns to Him with Success" Isaiah 55:6–11

Sunday, April 17th 6:00am Easter Sunrise Service, no Communion - "Don't Seek the Living among the Dead" Luke 24:1–6a

Sunday, April 17th 8:30am & 10:00am Easter Sunday Festival Service w/communion - He Has Risen! He Is *Now* Here! Luke 24:1–12

Lenten Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries

In *Suffering Servant*, we encounter Jesus the Man sent to redeem a lost world. Born in the flesh, Jesus became like us. Taking the form of a Servant, He emptied Himself. Bearing our sins to the cross, He gives us newness of life through His victory over death won for us by His resurrection from the dead.

We are offering these devotions at our Church in both a physical booklet form and we will be emailing them out to our members. This devotional will include our Lenten Worship Schedule for Grace with contact information for our Church. To view the devotions online go to: <u>https://www.lhm.org/lent/</u>



Consider using this devotion not only for your own personal and family devotions during the Lenten season, but also to share with your neighbor, family member, friend, or co-worker so that they too can share in the comforting Gospel of our Lord's passion and death for the forgiveness of our sins.

Stewardship Minute - In the Old Testament, God commanded people to tithe (give one-tenth). The tithe determined the portion and amount that people were to give. The tithe was given to support the temple and the ministry of the Levites. In the New Testament, proportional giving is also commanded. "On the first of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come" (1 Corinthians 16:2). The New Testament does not specify any specific dollar amount that we are to give, but we are to give generously from the blessings that God entrusts to us. The more we prosper, the more we are to give.

LUTHERAN HOUR - "How Christians Can Admire the Jewish Sabbath" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Dr. Michael Zeigler says the Jewish practice of observing the Sabbath is sort of like being in a long-distance relationship. (Luke 6:1-11)<u>The Lutheran Hour can be heard any time on the internet at: Ihm.org</u> 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 5th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

<u>Catechism</u>: Confession and the Office of the Keys: What is Confession? What is the Office of the Keys? Where is this written? What do you believe according to these words?

<u>Verse of the week</u>: Jeremiah 31:34b "They all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," says the LORD. "For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

Psalm of the week:Psalm 145Hymn of the week:(LSB 810) "O God of God, O Light of Light" (stanzas 1-3)Bible Readings for the Week:Sunday- The Transfiguration of Our Lord-Matthew 17:1-9Monday- Ezekiel's Vision-Ezekiel 1:1-28Tuesday- Ezekiel Is Called to Be a Prophet to an Exiled People-Ez. 2:1-3:3Wednesday- Daniel and His Three Friends Are Taken to Babylon-Daniel 1:1-21Thursday- King Nebuchadnezzar's Dream-Daniel 2:1-23Friday- Exodus 17:1-7Saturday-1 Peter 1:1-9

"Say, 'Congratulations and thanks be to God!' Pregnancy is never a sin, and motherhood, even amid afflictions, is always a blessing. Our Lord has honored her with this holy vocation. She and her baby belong to Him from this time forth and forevermore!" *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • <u>lutheransforlife.org</u> Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. <u>www.word-of-hope.org</u>; 888-217-8679.*

WE ARE TO CARE FOR THE WIDOWS, VULNERABLE, AND OPPRESSED.

Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, as you did to one of the least of these My brothers, you did it to Me" (Matthew 25:40).



Growing In Grace January 27 & 30, 2022

<u>Offering</u>			
General Offering	\$1,719.00	Attendance	100
On-Line Giving	711.62	Communed	81
Missions	0.00		
Debt Fund	0.00		
Mortgage Offering	65.00		
Lutheran High	150.00		
Bible Study/Sunday School	0.00		
Total	\$2,645.62		

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	2/6	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Worship Service - Mites Collection Sunday School Bible Study (school library) Worship Service - Mites Collection
Monday	2/7	6:30 pm	Confirmation Class @ church
Tuesday	2/8	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast @ OC Diner
Wednesday	2/9	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
		6:30 pm	Council Meeting
Thursday	2/10	6:30 pm	Worship Service
Saturday	2/12	8:00 am	Rise & Sonshine Bible Study
		10:00 am	Ladies Guild Meeting
Sunday	2/13	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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