

# Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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

## The Transfiguration of our Lord

February 24<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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



**Image:** "O wondrous type! O vision fair Of glory that the Church may share, Which Christ upon the mountain shows, Where brighter than the sun He glows! (LSB 413:1)

# 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 "Good to Be Here"***

On the Mount of Transfiguration, Peter blurted out that it was good the disciples were there so they could build shelters for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. Our being close to our Lord, though, is not good so that we might do something for Him; rather, it is good because we know He has done so much for us. Moses, the greatest prophet according to the reading from Deuteronomy, spoke God's Word, but Jesus is the Word, effecting our forgiveness and salvation in His sacrifice for us. His "departure," as Luke puts it in the Gospel, is literally His exodus, not from slavery in Egypt like Moses, but from sin and death through His sacrifice on the cross. Our Lord is the builder of His "*house*," the Church. Only because we have been forgiven is it good for us to be here, for as the psalm reminds us, "*the LORD our God is holy!*"

### **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 1

## ✕ PREPARATION ✕

Opening Hymn 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.

*Stand*

**Confession and Absolution**

*LSB 151*

*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.**

**✠ WORD ✠**

**Introit Psalm 84:1-2, 9, 11; antiphon: v. 4 (spoken responsively)**

Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,\*  
**ever sing- | ing your praise!**

How lovely is your | dwelling place,\*  
**O | LORD of hosts!**

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts | of the LORD;\*  
**my heart and flesh sing for joy to the | living God.**

Behold our shield, | O God;\*

**look on the face of your a- | nointed!**

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and | honor.\*

**No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.**

**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.**

Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,\*  
**ever sing- | ing your praise!**

**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 God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading *Deuteronomy 34:1-12***

***(Moses sees the promised land and is buried)***

<sup>1</sup>Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, <sup>2</sup>all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, <sup>3</sup>the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your offspring.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there." <sup>5</sup>So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, <sup>6</sup>and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. <sup>7</sup>Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. <sup>8</sup>And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

<sup>9</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. <sup>10</sup>And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, <sup>11</sup>none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, <sup>12</sup>and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual *Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8 (spoken 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 *Hebrews 3:1-6*

*(Moses served in God's house, but Jesus is the Son of God, its builder.)*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, <sup>2</sup>who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. <sup>3</sup>For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. <sup>4</sup>(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) <sup>5</sup>Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, <sup>6</sup>but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

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.**

**Alleluia Verse *Psalm 45:2a***

*"Alleluia. You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips. Alleluia."*

**Holy Gospel *Luke 9:28-36* - (*Jesus is transfigured, and God the Father tells the disciples to listen to Him.*)**

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

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

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, <sup>31</sup>who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup>And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

LSB 158

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.

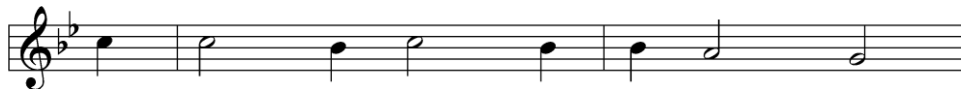
*Sit*



Children’s Message “Greater Than Moses” (Hebrews 3:1-6) *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 413

O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair (vs. 1-5)



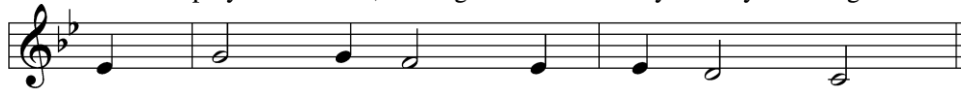
1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair  
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh  
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray  
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high  
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son



Of glo - ry that the Church may share,  
 The in - car - nate Lord holds con - verse high;  
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day  
 By this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,  
 And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one,



Which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,  
 And from the cloud the Ho - ly One  
 What glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove  
 For which in joy - ful strains we raise  
 We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace



Where bright - er than the sun He glows!  
 Bears rec - ord to the on - ly Son.  
 Who joy in God with per - fect love.  
 The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.  
 To see Thy glo - ry face to face.

Sermon “A Glimpse of Glory” (Luke 9:28-36)

Offertory

LSB 159

C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
 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 vows 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.

*Stand*

**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](http://graceoakcreek.org). You may give a onetime gift or set up your regular weekly or monthly offering. Those using this method of giving may still bring their envelope if they wish and simply write '*online giving*' on the outside and place it in the offering plate.



**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 160

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, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. 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 161*

- 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**

*LSB 161*

- 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.**

**Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 162*

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

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 162

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 163

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

## Agnus Dei

LSB 163

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

### 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:

### 414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here (vs. 1-5)



1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy  
 2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy  
 3 Ful - fill - er of the past And  
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, We  
 5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet



glo - ry fills the night; Thy face and gar - ments,  
 beau - ty to be - hold Where Mo - ses and E -  
 hope of things to be, We hail Thy bod - y -  
 see Thy king - dom come; We long to hold the  
 we may not re - main; But since Thou bidst us



like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
 li - jah stand, Thy mes - sen - gers of old.  
 glo - ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.  
 vi - sion bright And make this hill our home.  
 leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

### 537 Beautiful Savior (vs. 1-4)



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines  
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

*Stand*

**Thank the Lord**

*LSB 164*

- 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**

*LSB 166*

- 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**

*LSB 166*

- 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.**

**Farewell to Alleluia *Ecclesiastes 3:1-4, 7***

Pastor: This week with Ash Wednesday, we begin our observance of Lent. To highlight the penitential nature of the season, it is the Church's custom to suspend the use of the word "*Alleluia*," which means "*Praise the Lord*." A tradition has been in place since the fifth century not to use the joyful word "*Alleluia*" in worship from the conclusion of worship on the final Sunday before Lent, which is today, until the first service on Easter Sunday. The text of our closing hymn, "*Alleluia, Song of Gladness*," dates back to the eleventh century and links us to a millennium of God's people at worship. We now repeat words from the Book of Ecclesiastes, which remind us that there are appropriate times for all things, including a time to keep silence, which we will observe regarding use of the "*Alleluia*" throughout Lent.

Pastor: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die;

**People:** a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

Pastor: a time to break down, and a time to build up;

**People:** a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

Pastor: a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

**People:** a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.

Pastor: As part of our observance of a holy Lent as it begins this week, we now say farewell to Alleluia until the time of our rejoicing anew at the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Day.

**People:** Alleluia! Amen.

*Sit*

### Closing Hymn 417

### Alleluia, Song of Gladness (vs. 1-4)



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that  
2 Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -  
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while  
4 There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them  
lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,  
here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions  
Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep Thine Eas - ter



Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of  
All thy chil - dren sing with thee, But by Bab - y -  
Make us for a while for - go; For the sol - emn  
With Thy faith - ful saints on high; There to Thee for -



God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
 lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.  
 time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow.  
 ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

**Announcements**

P: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!



**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>	Richard Jackson	Adam Voss	Rick Weeks
<u>Readers</u>	Kathy Szefflinski	Glenn Dotson	Beth Jackson
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Jennifer Olen	Kathy Szefflinski	Kathy Szefflinski
<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



## 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 (hospice) friend of Taggatz family; 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; Ken Dotson (healing & strength) Brother of Glenn Dotson; Larry Abelt Sr. (healing & strength) Leah Abelt's Father-in-Law; 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; 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; Jim & Kari (healing and strength) friends of Joy Lussier; Heather (healing and strength) Lance Kopperud's niece; Gloria Gamroth (healing & strength) Mitzi Gamroth's Mother in law. Susan Sochowski (recovery from stroke) friend of Taggatz family; Gwen Keno (healing and strength); Jane (cancer) friend of Tony & Suzie Mirenda; Delores Riemer (healing & strength); Mike Toman (recovery after surgery).

*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 **Rolly Anderson, a relative of Pastor Taggatz, as they mourn his recent death.** 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](mailto:Paulinemom@aol.com).

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

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

## **Hunger Task Force - Annual Fund Drive**

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The Evangelism Board along with the *Hunger Task Force* is holding their Annual Fund Drive **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 are 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: Grace Lutheran Church. Please write *Hunger Task Force* in the memo section of your check. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



## **Easter Lilies/Plants**



To help make our Easter celebration more memorable, Milaeger's is offering a beautiful assortment of plants to celebrate the glorious Easter holiday. 1) Sign-up for your preferred flower/plant on purple sheets posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. 2) Enclose cash or check in the envelopes provided and place in offering basket or hand to an elder. All money and orders need to be placed by March 13, 2022.

## **PARKING LOT PROJECT AT CHURCH**

Currently, we have about \$44,146 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!!!

### **Martin Luther Blood Drive**

*Give blood. Help save lives.* There will be a blood drive Tuesday, March 15, 2022 from 9:00am – 2:00pm in the Martin Luther High School gym (5201 S. 76<sup>th</sup> Street, Greendale). For an appointment call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

**The Grace Lutheran Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. DONATIONS NEEDED.** This Easter Egg Hunt will be for preschool through 4th grade and it will be held at Grace Lutheran School. Our Grace Lutheran Youth Group members and their parents will be helping out with this event. We are asking for donations of already filled plastic Easter Eggs for this Easter Egg Hunt. If you would like to drop off your donations you can do so at church or at our Grace Lutheran School/Church office. We are inviting the families from our Church, School, and Early Childhood Center to attend this event. Please join us!!!

### **Vacation Bible School at Grace Lutheran this Summer**

Please mark your calendars!!! We will be having our Vacation Bible School at Grace Lutheran School on Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30-8:30pm. Our theme for VBS this year will be *Space Station Salvation* and children ages 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be able to attend. If you are interested in enrolling your children for Vacation Bible School at Grace this Summer, please contact our Church/School office at: 414-762-8990 or [church@graceoakcreek.org](mailto:church@graceoakcreek.org).

### **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: [www.lwml-swd.org/events/other](http://www.lwml-swd.org/events/other)  
Questions can also be addressed to Jennifer Olen, Guest Services Dept. Coordinator:

[jolenlwml@gmail.com](mailto:jolenlwml@gmail.com) or 414.305.3740

**Lenten Midweek Series for Grace Lutheran Church**  
**Ash Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Easter Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> with Holy Communion at 6:30 p.m. There will be no Thursday evening service on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:30pm w/communion - Ash Wednesday:** “Return to the Lord, Who Is Gracious” Joel 2:12–19

**Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm** - "Return to the Lord, Who Has Redeemed You" Isaiah 44:21–28

**Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm** - “Return to the Lord, Who Will Restore You” Jeremiah 15:19–21

**Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm** - “Return to the Lord, Who Will Raise You Up” Hosea 6:1–6

**Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 6:30pm** - “Return to the Lord, Who Does Not Change” Malachi 3:6–12

**Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm** - “Return to the Lord, Who Does Not Tire of Calling You” Amos 4:6–13

**Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm w/communion - Maundy Thursday:** “The Lord Returns to Jerusalem with Mercy” Zechariah 1:12–17

**Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm Good Friday Worship no communion** - “It Is Finished” John 19:30

**Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service** - “The Word of the Lord Returns to Him with Success” Isaiah 55:6–11

**Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00am Easter Sunrise Service, no communion** - “Don’t Seek the Living among the Dead” Luke 24:1–6a

**Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 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: <https://www.lhm.org/lent/>. 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.



**LUTHERAN HOUR - "Greatness"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Dr. Michael Zeigler recounts the life of Eric Liddell, the Olympic champion who ran with perseverance a much different race as a Christian missionary in China. (Luke 9:1-48) **The Lutheran Hour can be heard any time on the internet at: [lhm.org](http://lhm.org)** scroll down the page and click on, "listen now." Or listen to any of these local radio stations on Sunday mornings.

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

## IN THE WORD FOR THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

**Catechism:** Sacrament of the Altar: What is the Sacrament of the altar? Where is this written? (sung) Who receives this sacrament worthily?

**Verse of the week:** 1 Corinthians 11:27, *"Whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord."*

**Psalm of the week:** Psalm 148

**Hymn of the week:** (LSB 607) "From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee" (stanzas 1-3)

**Bible Readings for the Week:**

**Sunday**— A Blind Man Receives His Sight—Luke 18:31-43

**Monday**— The End of the Babylonian Captivity—Ezra 1:1-11

**Tuesday**— The Rebuilding of the Temple—Ezra 3:1-13

**Wednesday**— Nehemiah's Prayer—Nehemiah 1:1—2:6

**Thursday**— Ezra Reads from the Torah—Nehemiah 7:73c—8:12

**Friday**— The Israelites Confess Their Sins—Nehemiah 9:1-38

**Saturday**— Genesis 3:1-21

"There's so much work to be done, so many lives to protect. The unborn, the mentally ill, the hungry, the broken, and many others still need to hear about our hope in Christ and the love He has for us, and it's our duty to bring it to them." *Katie Reid, 2021 Y4Life intern - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)* Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. [www.word-of-hope.org](http://www.word-of-hope.org); 888-217-8679.

**Stewardship Minute** - In our journey as stewards, we may assume that as our incomes increase, we will automatically increase what we give to God through our church. Studies have shown that this is not always the case. In many cases, those in a higher income bracket give less of a percentage. If we earn \$100, many of us would give \$10. Then, if our income rose to \$10,000, we would give \$1,000. But if we would earn \$1,000,000, studies show that fewer of us would give \$100,000. The lure and power of money makes it difficult to give it away. Only by the grace of God, can we break our attraction for money and be able to give faithfully and generously.

**FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP IS  
ATTENTIVE TO THE OWNER  
AND THE OWNER’S INTENTIONS.**

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect” (Romans 12:2).



**Growing In Grace  
February 17 & 20, 2022**

<u>Offering</u>			
<i>General Offering</i>	\$4,234.25	<i>Attendance</i>	126
<i>On-Line Giving</i>	748.52	<i>Communed</i>	85
<i>Missions</i>	0.00		
<i>Debt Fund</i>	0.00		
<i>Mortgage Offering</i>	225.00		
<i>Lutheran High</i>	0.00		
<i>Bible Study/Sunday School</i>	0.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,207.77</b>		

**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

<b>Sunday</b>	2/27	8:00 am	<b>Divine Worship</b>
		9:15 am	Sunday School
		9:15 am	Bible Study (school library)
		<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship</b>
Monday	2/28	6:30 pm	Confirmation Class @ church
Tuesday	3/1	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast @ OC Diner
		6:30 pm	Stephen Ministry Meeting (school library)
Wednesday	3/2	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
		<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Worship</b>
		7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	3/3	6:30 pm	All Board's Meeting (school arts/science rm)
<b>Sunday</b>	3/6	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship</b>
		9:15 am	Sunday School
		9:15 am	Bible Study (school library)
		<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship</b>

## SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We have gathered today to celebrate the most precious gifts and treasures our Lord gives us: His forgiveness, life and salvation. It would be our honor to have you join us again next week as we “Celebrate, Teach, and Share” the Good News of God’s Grace among all people.

Grace is committed to supporting families through our Early Childhood Center, Day School, and High School. We are blessed to be a member of the Lutheran High School Association of Milwaukee.

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