

# Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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

## The First Sunday in Lent

March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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



**Image:** “Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil.” (Luke 4:1-2a)

**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 "Jesus Is Tempted by the Devil"***

The First Sunday in Lent begins with the temptation of Jesus. Alone in the wilderness, Jesus faces the temptations of the devil, who tries to use God's own Word to entrap Jesus. The collect reminds us that we are also walking through the wilderness of this world, taunted and tempted by the devil, who still uses God's Word to entrap us. Jesus does not simply show us how to resist but reveals that our strength lies in the same Word of God. In Christ, we stand strong against the wiles of the devil and, when and if we fall, we find refuge in Christ to be forgiven and restored.

**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 3*

### ✘ PREPARATION ✘

Opening Hymn 657

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (vs. 1-4)



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -  
2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -  
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat'ning to de -  
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -  
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -  
your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not  
fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to  
self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of  
o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle  
of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He  
hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's  
we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's  
child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

*Stand*

## Confession and Absolution

LSB 184

*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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 91:9-13; antiphon: vv. 15-16 (sung responsively)*



When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;\*

I will rescue him and | honor him.

With long life I will sat- | isfy him\*

and show him my sal- | vation.

Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—\*  
the Most High, who is my | refuge—  
**no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,\***  
**no plague come | near your tent.**  
For he will command his angels con- | cerning you\*  
to guard you in | all your ways.  
**On their hands they will | bear you up,\***  
**lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.**  
You will tread on the lion and the | adder;\*  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.

**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.**

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;\*  
I will rescue him and | honor him.  
**With long life I will sat- | isfy him\***  
**and show him my sal- | vation.**

## **Kyrie**

*LSB 186*

**C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*During the season of Lent, the Gloria in Excelsis is omitted*

## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

*LSB 189*

**P The Lord be with you.**

**C And with thy spirit.**

**P Let us pray. O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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 *Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

*(God's people recall His mighty deliverance from the slavery of Egypt into the land of promise.)*

<sup>1</sup>“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. <sup>3</sup>And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ <sup>4</sup>Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

<sup>5</sup>“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. <sup>6</sup>And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. <sup>7</sup>Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. <sup>9</sup>And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual *Hebrews 12:2 (spoken responsively)*

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,\*

**the founder and perfecter | of our faith,**

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,\*

**and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.**

## Epistle *Romans 10:8b-13*

*(The Word of the Lord is always near us, and all who call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.)*

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says,

“Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

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

*Stand*

**Verse for 1st Sunday in Lent *Ephesians 6:11***

*“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.”*

**Holy Gospel *Luke 4:1-13***

*(Our Lord is tempted in the wilderness by Satan.)*

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.
- C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness <sup>2</sup>for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” <sup>5</sup>And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, <sup>6</sup>and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup>And Jesus answered him, “It is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God,  
and him only shall you serve.”

<sup>9</sup>And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,  
to guard you,’ <sup>11</sup>and

“On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>12</sup>And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup>And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

## Nicene Creed

LSB 191

- 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 “If I Had . . .” (Luke 4:1-13)** *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 424**

**O Christ, You Walked the Road (vs. 1-5)**



1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.  
2 No bread of earth a-lone Can fill our hun-g'ring hearts.  
3 No blind-ing sign we ask, No won-der from a-bove.  
4 When lures of eas-y gain With prom-ise bright-ly shine,  
5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp-ta-tion's pow'r And fought our an-cient foe.  
Lord, help us seek Your liv-ing Word, The food Your grace im-parts.  
Lord, help us place our trust a-lone In Your un-swer-ving love.  
Lord, help us seek Your king-dom first; Our wills with Yours a-lign.  
Stay with us through temp-ta-tion's hour To fight our an-cient foe.

**Sermon: “The Big If...” (Luke 4:1-13)**

**Offertory**

LSB 192

- C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

**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.



*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 194*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, 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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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 195*

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**

**heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 196*

**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 197

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 197

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

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.  
Amen.

*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:

544 O Love, How Deep (vs. 1-6)



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
 2 He sent no an - gel to our race,  
 3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore  
 4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;



Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,  
 Of high - er or of low - er place,  
 His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;  
 For us His dai - ly works He wrought,



That God, the Son of God, should take  
 But wore the robe of hu - man frame,  
 For us temp - ta - tion sharp He knew;  
 By words and signs and ac - tions thus



Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
 And to this world Him - self He came.  
 For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
 Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,  
 For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
 He bore the shameful cross and death;  
 For us He gave His dying breath.

6 For us He rose from death again;  
 For us He went on high to reign;  
 For us He sent His Spirit here  
 To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

571 God Loved the World So That He Gave (vs. 1-5)



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly  
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made  
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with  
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all  
 5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your



Son the lost to save, That all who would in  
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in  
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the  
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by  
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus saves your



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
 soul from death; That is the firm - est ground of faith.

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 199*

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
 for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of  
 all people,  
 a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Thanksgiving**

*LSB 200*

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
 C **and His mercy endureth forever.**  
 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.**

P The Lord be with you.  
C **And with thy spirit.**

**Benedicamus**

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction**

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.  
C **Amen, amen, amen.**

*Sit*

**Closing Hymn 418**

**O Lord, throughout These Forty Days (vs. 1-4)**

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You  
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your  
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And  
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And  
prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance  
faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your  
fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -  
all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal  
for our sin, And free us from our past.  
skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.  
ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.  
Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

**Announcements**

P: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!  
C: **Thanks be to God!**

## ☼ *Altar Flowers* ☼

Altar flowers this week are given by Mark & Jennifer Olen.

### 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>Wednesday</u>	<u>Sunday 8:00 am</u>	<u>Sunday 10:30 am</u>
<u>Elders</u>	Richard Jackson	Tom Hengst	Derek Poellet
<u>Readers</u>	Pastor Taggatz	Erica Vitek	Beth Jackson
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Jennifer Olen	Jeanne Meyer	Jeanne Meyer
<u>Linens</u>	Gail Nowakowski	Gail Nowakowski	Gail Nowakowski
<u>Acolytes</u>			Eddie Taggatz
<u>Ushers</u>	Jim Robinson	Bob Buzzell, Lynn Buzzell, Alyson Hengst, Payton Weirich	Mike Huber, Bob Olen, Eric Kamprath, Drew Salzer

## 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; 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); 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 Miranda; Delores Riemer (healing & strength); Mike Toman (recovery after surgery); Danny Danek (hospitalized) Pauline Parker's brother in law; Jim Elliot (recovery from lung transplant) Jan Barrett's Son in

Law; **Dominic** (healing and strength) friend of Rod & Pam Novak; **Doreen** (cancer) daughter of Bob & Dawn Jantz.

***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 **Stacy Granum**, friend of Laura Morrissette, and **Angie Strasse**, friend of the Taggatz family, as they mourn their recent deaths. 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.

## **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).

**Stephen Ministry at Grace: Would you like to know more about our Stephen Ministry here at Grace?** We will be having a special announcement at our worship services on the work that Stephen Ministry does here in our congregation on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Stephen Ministers from Grace will also be present to answer any questions that you may have on the special work that they do in caring for their neighbor with their physical needs and in sharing the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with members of our congregation and in our community.

## **Set Apart to Serve:**

Do you know any young man who would make a great pastor? How about someone who would be a great Lutheran school teacher, deaconess or DCE? Jesus gives His church people who work full time in service to the Gospel. He told us to pray for such workers. The LCMS continues to pray, and has begun *Set Apart to Serve (SAS)*, an intentional effort to encourage young people to consider church work as their career. Your opinion can help improve SAS. Please fill out a brief survey at [lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey](http://lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey) by March 15, and let us know how you think SAS can be beneficial to your congregation. Thank you.

**Youth Meeting at Grace Lutheran School Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8pm.** We will have a devotion and have a few activities for the youth to do at this event and we will be discussing our Easter Egg Hunt that we will be doing for the younger children on Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup>. For the meeting, youth are welcome to bring their own treats. We hope to see you there! Youth ages 5<sup>th</sup> grade through high school are invited to attend.

**Mission Presentation at Grace Lutheran Church on Lutheran Deaf Ministry in Madison, WI on Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup> immediately following our 6:30pm worship service.** Please join us as we learn about Lutheran Ministry to the Deaf in the Madison, WI area. Rev. Ryan McDermott will be giving a mission presentation on the work that he is doing among the deaf in sharing the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**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!!!



### **PARKING LOT PROJECT AT CHURCH**

Currently, we have about \$44,646 in dedicated funds to go towards the repair and replacement of our church parking lot. *(Thank you to 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!!!

## 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). There will be a special Parent and Child class for those children under 3.

## 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 - "One Thing Needful"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Bible is not a Magic 8-ball; it's a portal into a new world. (Luke 10: 38-42) **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

**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. The Lenten Services following Ash Wednesday will be on Thursday nights at 6:30pm without communion. Here is an overview of the series:

**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

## IN THE WORD FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

**Catechism:** Table of Duties—To Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers: 1 Timothy 3:2-4; 1 Timothy 3:6; Titus 1:9

**Verse of the week:** Isaiah 55:11b, “[My Word] shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”

**Psalm of the week:** Psalm 149

**Hymn of the week:** (LSB 521) “Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken” (stanzas 1-4)

**Bible Readings for the Week:**

Sunday— The Temptation of Our Lord—Matthew 4:1-11

Monday— The Promise of the Holy Spirit—John 7:37-52

Tuesday— The Woman Caught in Adultery—John 7:53—8:12

Wednesday— The Parable of the Persistent Widow—Luke 18:1-8

Thursday— A Man Born Blind Receives His Sight—John 9:1-12

Friday— The Pharisees Excommunicate the Healed Man—John 9:13-34

Saturday— Genesis 32:22-32

“Just as God personally created your body, so too He continually designs His body, the Church, bringing together people from all walks of life, all nations, and all abilities, in service to the world. And while it may be true that the world does not appreciate the gifts you have to offer, the body of Christ most certainly needs you.” *Michelle Bauman, director of Y4Life - 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** - The Bible teaches that God made us, body and soul, for Himself—for the present and for eternity. Even when we wander away from God and deny that we are His stewards, we still are! God has spoken in and through creation. Vitally important for our understanding of the meaning of life is that God has spoken through the redeeming, re-creating, new-life-giving work of His Son; through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus the Messiah, the Savior, we are restored to new relationships with Almighty God. It is a grace-filled response to say, “I am an adopted child of God” and also to say, “I am God’s steward!” It is a privilege to be loved and valued highly every day of life.

**AFTER GOD CREATED THE WORLD, HE MADE US STEWARDS OF HIS CREATION.**

“And God blessed them. And God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over...every living thing...” (Genesis 1:28).



**Growing In Grace  
February 24 & 27, 2022**

**Offering**

<i>General Offering</i>	<i>\$3,017.25</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>106</i>
<i>On-Line Giving</i>	<i>2,460.59</i>	<i>Communed</i>	<i>77</i>
<i>Missions</i>	<i>55.00</i>		
<i>Debt Fund</i>	<i>0.00</i>		
<i>Mortgage Offering</i>	<i>65.00</i>		
<i>Lutheran High</i>	<i>0.00</i>		
<i>Stephen Ministry</i>	<i>500.00</i>		
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b><i>\$6,097.84</i></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

Sunday	3/6	<b>8:00 am</b> 9:15 am 9:15 am <b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship (Mites)</b> Sunday School Bible Study (school library) <b>Divine Worship (Mites)</b>
Monday	3/7	6:30 pm	Confirmation Class @ church
Tuesday	3/8	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast @ OC Diner
Wednesday	3/9	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study Council Meeting (at school)
Thursday	3/10	<b>6:30 pm</b> 7:30 pm	<b>Lenten Worship</b> Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	3/12	8:00 am 10:00 am	Rise & Sonshine Bible Study Ladies Guild Meeting (cleaning day)
Sunday	3/13	<b>8:00 am</b> 9:15 am 9:15 am <b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship</b> Sunday School Bible Study (school library) <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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