

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 13th, 2022

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



Image: "How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see Me until you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'" (Luke 13:34b-35)

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 "God Would; We Would Not"

The theme of Lent is repentance. Today, we are given a prophet's story of warning against a people who refused His mercy. But it is not the only story. The Lord still invites us to find a refuge in the wings of His mercy and, to all who will receive Him and believe on His name, there is no limit to His grace. The Lord is determined to go to the cross for us and to bestow upon us all the treasures of His grace, but the path that leads to Christ is the way of repentance and faith. We pray that the Holy Spirit will work in our hearts so that we may not refuse the Lord's invitation and may rejoice in the wings of His mercy forevermore.

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 (8am only) 508

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near (vs. 1-5)



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,
2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,
3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing
4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car - nal plea - sures,
5 My Sav - ior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smit - ten;



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -
And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -
What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was
Who here de - spised His pre - cious Word And loved their earth - ly
With - in the Book of Life I know My name has now been



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on
wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -
dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be
trea - sures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand And at the
writ - ten. I will not doubt, for I am free, And Sa - tan



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.
might - y, bound - less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.
known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.
judg - e's stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.
can - not threat - en me; There is no con - dem - na - tion!

10:30 ONLY - Grace Lutheran School Choir

“The Greatness of Our God”

Stand

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

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 C **Amen.**

P 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 74:1-3; antiphon: Psalm 69:9 (spoken responsively)

For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,*
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en on me.

O God, why do you cast us off for- | ever?*

Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your | pasture?

Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your | heritage!*

Remember Mount Zion, where | you have dwelt.

Direct your steps to the perpetual | ruins;*

the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctu- | ary!
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.

For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,*
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en on me.

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 God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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 *Jeremiah 26:8-15*

(The Lord has sent me to speak all these words in your ears.)

⁸When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! ⁹Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?’” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. ¹¹Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

¹²Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³Now therefore

mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

- 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, despis- | ing the shame,*
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

Epistle Philippians 3:17–4:1

(Paul laments those who lose their faith and become enemies of the Gospel.)

¹⁷Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

¹Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

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

Stand

Verse for 2nd Sunday in Lent Luke 13:35

“Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!””

Holy Gospel Luke 13:31-35

(Jesus would gather His people like a hen gathers her chicks.)

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

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. ³³Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ ³⁴O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! ³⁵Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

- 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 “Under His Wing” (Luke 13:31-35) *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 725

Children of the Heavenly Father (vs. 1-4)



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Sermon: “The Rejected Prophet” (Luke 13:31-35)

- 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. 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

- 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.

- C 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:

730 What Is the World to Me (vs. 1-4)



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure
2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y
3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.
Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;
But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,
I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
 Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

825 Rise, Shine, You People (vs. 1-4)



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
 2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
 3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.
 He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.
 Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing.
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
 All men and wom - en, who by guilt are
 To all the world go out and tell the
 Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
 driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
 sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

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 728

How Firm a Foundation (vs. 1-5)



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,
5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.
 My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
 Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

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>	Lance Kopperud	Brandon Dachel	Mike Huber
<u>Readers</u>	Suzie Miranda	Cris Evers	Lisa Kamprath
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Jennifer Olen	Jeanne Meyers	Jeanne Meyers
<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 (healing & strength) 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; Sharon Russell (recovery from surgery); Maureen (healing & strength) friend of Carol Thurber.

For our Homebound Members at Grace: Carol Loveall, Betty Lemmer, Kathy Gaudian, Bernice Byklum, June Roewer, Art Steinborn, Ernst & Patricia Groth, and Gloria Kilponen.

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

Hunger Task Force - Annual Fund Drive

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 **TODAY** 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. 76th Street, Greendale). For an appointment call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit 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 17th and Sunday, March 20th. 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 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 18th 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 9th. For the meeting, youth are welcome to bring their own treats. We hope to see you there! Youth ages 5th grade through high school are invited to attend.

Martin Luther High School Symphonic Band Concert

You are cordially invited to attend the Symphonic Band of Martin Luther High School concert on Sunday, March 27th at 2:00pm, 5201 S. 76th Street, Greendale, WI. They will perform a wide variety of traditional band repertoire and sacred music. The 31-member Symphonic Band will perform from such composers as Igor Stravinsky, John Rutter and Clare Grundman.

Mission Presentation at Grace Lutheran Church on Lutheran Deaf Ministry in Madison, WI on Thursday, April 7th 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.

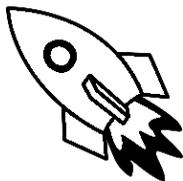
The Grace Lutheran Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 9th at 3pm. DONATIONS NEEDED. This Easter Egg Hunt will be for preschool through 4th grade and it will be held at Grace Lutheran School. Our Grace Lutheran Youth Group members and their parents will be helping out with this event. We are asking 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



Please mark your calendars!!! We will be having our Vacation Bible School at Grace Lutheran School on Friday, July 22nd from 5:30-8:30pm. Our theme for VBS this year will be *Space Station Salvation* and children ages 3 through 6th 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. There will be a special Parent and Child class for those children under 3. **We will be having a special VBS planning meeting on Tuesday March 15th at 6:30pm in the School Library, please join us as we make our preparations for VBS this Summer.**

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 - "No Room for Demons" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Why did God allow evil? The Bible doesn't answer that question. The question it does answer is, "In spite of evil, what will God do?" (Luke 11:14-28) **The Lutheran Hour can be heard any time on the internet at: lhm.org scroll down the page and click on, "listen now."** Or listen to any of these local radio stations on Sunday mornings.

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

**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. 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 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

IN THE WORD FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Catechism: Table of Duties—What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors: 1 Corinthians 9:14; Galatians 6:6-7; 1 Timothy 5:17-18

Verse of the week: Psalm 27:4, “*One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple.*”

Psalm of the week: Psalm 150

Hymn of the week: (LSB 708) “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart” (stanza 1-3)

Bible Readings for the Week:

Sunday—The Canaanite Woman Cries Out to Jesus—Matthew 15:21-28

Monday—The Death of Lazarus—John 11:1-16

Tuesday—Jesus Is the Resurrection and the Life—John 11:17-37

Wednesday—Abraham Prays for Sodom—Genesis 18:23-32

Thursday—Lazarus Is Raised from the Dead—John 11:38-44

Friday—The Plot to Kill Jesus—John 11:45-57

Saturday—St Joseph, Guardian of Jesus—Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

“Paul kept his eyes on Christ who came and faced all the same heartaches, burdens, and sadness we do, and came through victorious. He shouldered our guilt and punishment on the cross and died that we might have life to the full.” *Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org* Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. www.word-of-hope.org; 888-217-8679.

Stewardship Minute - In Isaiah 43:1 we read, “*But now thus says the Lord, He Who created you, O Jacob, He Who formed you, O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine*” (Isaiah 43:1). We are God’s stewards by virtue of creation and our re-creation in Holy Baptism. God gives us our identity. We belong to Him, we are known by Him, and we know Him as the Triune God, the Lord and Giver of life, the Creator and Re-Creator of all life—God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. May God grant us the desire and strength to be the faithful stewards that God has called us to be. **AS STEWARDS, WE ARE ACCOUNTABLE**

**TO GOD TO MANAGE WHAT BELONGS
TO HIM ACCORDING TO HIS WILL.**

“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 March 2 & 6, 2022

Offering

General Offering	\$16,033.00	Attendance 3/2	81
On-Line Giving	2,900.77	Communed 3/2	76
Missions	0.00	Attendance 3/6	83
Debt Fund	0.00	Communed 3/6	51
Mortgage Offering	1,075.00		
Lutheran High	0.00		
Stephen Ministry	0.00		
Total	\$20,008.77		

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	3/13	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Divine Worship Sunday School Bible Study (school library) Divine Worship
Monday	3/14	6:30 pm	Confirmation Class @ church
Tuesday	3/15	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast @ OC Diner
Wednesday	3/16	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
Thursday	3/17	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Lenten Worship Choir Rehearsal
Friday	3/18	5:30 pm	Grace Youth Group Meeting
Sunday	3/20	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Divine Worship Sunday School Bible Study (school library) 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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