

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27th, 2022

"By His Grace you are saved through faith"

Ephesians 2:8



Image: "And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate." (Luke 15:21-24)

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 *"The Father Still Waits"*

No parable more fully describes the profound character of God's mercy than the prodigal son and the waiting father. We are the rebels who begin to think we deserve our heavenly Father's kindness and who demand from Him what is not our right to claim. But instead of disowning us, He meets us with joy, welcomes us with His forgiveness, restores our tattered righteousness with the robe of Christ's holiness, and sets His Table before us. This is what happens every Sunday as the Lord reclaims us from our sins, restores joy to our heavy hearts, reminds us of His baptismal promise, and feeds our body and soul with the body and blood of His Son. This is the source of our holy joy and this is the peace that passes all understanding.

We invite a moment of silence during the prelude for Prayer

As our organist begins the prelude we move from our regular conversations and the happenings of the world around us in order to turn our attention to worship. **Please take these moments as an opportunity to focus on prayer.** Make use of this time to look through our service in anticipation of the scripture we will share and the hymns we will sing. God richly bless us as we gather in God's presence today! We hope you will take these moments as a time to transition into worship as we have entered into God's presence through Word and Sacrament.

Order of Service-Divine Service Setting 4

✕ PREPARATION ✕

Opening Hymn 686

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (vs. 1-4)



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

Stand

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

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

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

✠ **WORD** ✠

Introit Psalm 51:2-6; antiphon: v. 1 (spoken responsively)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;*
according to your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!

For I know my trans- | gressions,*
and my sin is ever be- | fore me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight,*
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your | judgment.

Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity,*
and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being,*
and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.

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.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;*
according to your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.

Kyrie

LSB 204

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 205

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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

Rite of Holy Baptism (Sunday 10:30am Service only, LSB pg. 268)—We rejoice in the baptism of *Caroline Susan Thomas*, daughter of *Julie and Stephen Thomas*, on Sunday March 27th. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!!!

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 12:1-6*

(Surely God is my Savior)

¹You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. ²“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become

my salvation.” ³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. ⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

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 Lesson 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

(If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.)

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Verse for the 4th Sunday in Lent

The father said to his servants, “This my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.” (Luke 15:22a, 24a)

Holy Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

(My son was dead and now he is alive again.)

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

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

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: . . .

“There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’” ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’” ²²But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’” ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’” ³¹And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

LSB 206

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

Sermon Hymn 915

Today Your Mercy Calls Us (vs. 1-4)



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
 2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
 3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
 4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
 Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
 His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
 What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
 The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
 No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
 When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
 A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
 Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
 We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

Sermon: “Forgiveness on God’s Terms” (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)

Offering/Attendance As the offerings are being passed to you by the ushers, we ask that you take this time to fill out the attendance pads located in your pews so that we can acknowledge your presence with us today. We are so glad that you have joined us in worship here at Grace!!! We also thank you for your generosity and support of Jesus Christ our Lord’s Kingdom work!!! God bless you!!!

You can now give online. It’s easy, fast, and secure. If you’re able, we also encourage you to set up recurring giving by texting: **graceoc** to 206-859-9405, use this QR Code or head to our website at: graceoakcreek.org. You may give a onetime gift or set up your regular weekly or monthly offering. Those using this method of giving may still bring their envelope if they wish and simply write ‘*online giving*’ on the outside and place it in the offering plate.



Stand

Prayer of the Church (After each petition the Pastor will say, “Lord in Your mercy,” and the congregation responds saying, “Hear our prayer.”)

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

LSB 208

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

P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 209

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

C **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;**

and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 209

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 209

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

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

Distribution

We celebrate the Lord's Supper

Members of our sister LC-MS congregations are invited to join us for communion. Guests to our Lutheran Church are invited to first speak with Pastor before joining at our Lord's Table. We hope you will learn more about us as we gather to "*Celebrate, Teach, and Confess*" the Good News of God's Grace!

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

Distribution Hymns:

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.

609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive (vs. 1-7)



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd
 4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live
 grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;
 e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for
 Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these
 Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that
 Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
 words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
 they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
 soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

5 Oh, how blest it is to know:
 Were as scarlet my transgression,
 It shall be as white as snow
 By Thy blood and bitter passion;
 For these words I now believe:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

6 Now my conscience is at peace;
 From the Law I stand acquitted.
 Christ hath purchased my release
 And my ev'ry sin remitted.
 Naught remains my soul to grieve:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

7 Jesus sinners doth receive;
 Also I have been forgiven;
 And when I this earth must leave,
 I shall find an open heaven.
 Dying, still to Him I cleave:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.

2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 212

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

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

LSB 212

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C **Amen.**



1 If Your be - lov - ed Son, O God, Had not to earth de -
 2 But now I find sweet peace and rest; De - spair no more reigns
 3 I trust in Him with all my heart; Now all my sor - row
 4 All righ - teous - ness by works is vain; The Law brings con - dem -
 Δ 5 My guilt, O Fa - ther, You have laid On Christ, Your Son, my



scend - ed And in our mor - tal flesh and blood Had not sin's
 o'er me. No more am I by sin op - pressed, For Christ has
 ceas - es. His words a - bid - ing peace im - part; His blood from
 na - tion. True righ - teous - ness by faith I gain; Christ's work is
 Sav - ior. Lord Je - sus, You my debt have paid And gained for



pow - er end - ed, Then this poor, wretch - ed soul of mine In
 borne sin for me. Up - on the cross for me He died That,
 guilt re - leas - es. Free grace through Him I now ob - tain; He
 my sal - va - tion. His death, that per - fect sac - ri - fice, Has
 me God's fa - vor. O Ho - ly Spir - it, Fount of grace, The



hell e - ter - nal - ly would pine Be - cause of my trans - gres - sion.
 rec - on - ciled, I might a - bide With You, my God, for - ev - er.
 wash - es me from ev - 'ry stain, And pure I stand be - fore Him.
 paid the all - suf - fi - cient price; In Him my hope is an - chored.
 good in me to You I trace; In faith and hope pre - serve me.

Announcements

P: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!



✿ **Altar Flowers** ✿

Altar flowers this week are given by Lori Kachelmeier
 in loving member of her husband, Jim and son, Steve.

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>	Mike Huber	Tom Hengst	Derek Poellet
<u>Readers</u>	Pastor Taggatz	Erica Vitek	Derek Poellet
<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; 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; **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; **Jane** (cancer) friend of Tony & Suzie Mirenda; **Delores Riemer** (healing & strength); **Mike Toman** (recovery after surgery); **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** (healing & strength); **Maureen** (healing & strength) friend of Carol Thurber; **June Roewer**, (hospitalized); **Clare Sauer**, (recovery from eye lid surgery); **Jim Kolb** (healing & strength) husband of Kathy Kolb; **Tanner**, Granddaughter of Cathy Weeks; **Jim Pieper** (knee surgery); **Wally** (healing & strength) friend of Greg & Gail Nowakowski; **Doug & Char Klipfel** (healing and strength); **Eres** (healing & strength) son of ECC Teacher at Grace.

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

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow! We thank the Lord that on Sunday March 27th, *Caroline Susan Thomas*, daughter of *Julie & Stephen Thomas*, is baptized into the Christian faith through both water and the power of God's Word in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism here at Grace! We praise the Lord that *Caroline's* name is written in God's book of life!!!

We mourn with the family of *Pastor Pfingsten*, a friend of Pastor Dummer, who went home to his Lord. Almighty God, Father of mercies and God of all comfort, deal graciously with the family of *Pastor Pfingsten* and all who mourn his death, that casting every care on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Give them confidence that because Jesus lives they too shall live and have eternal life in Jesus' name! Amen.

All those on the Grace Prayer Line dealing with long term health and medical issue; Hear our prayer.

We encourage you to submit prayer requests for worship and/or our prayer line by emailing: Paulinemom@aol.com.

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

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

PLEASE: Recycle your 2021 weekly offering envelopes!! You may not have the same envelope number year-to-year. The envelope number is used for your year-end giving statement so if you are using previous years envelopes that money might be put on someone else's statement!!

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!!!



Voters Meeting at Grace on Sunday, April 24th following our 10:30am worship service. At this Voters Meeting we will be presenting our proposed budget for the next year. We will also have Board updates, a report from Pastor Taggatz, discuss about the parking lot project, the treasurer's report, and also we will have an update on new members at Grace. Please plan on attending the Voters meeting, as your support and involvement in our ministries here at Grace is deeply needed and appreciated. The election of officers will take place at the Voter's meeting in June of this year.

Are You Interested in Serving on a Church Board?

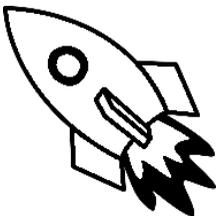
Elections are coming up for various boards at our Church at our June Voter's Meeting. Do you feel called to serve in leadership here at Grace Lutheran Church? Please consider contacting the Church Office and we will let you know what responsibilities each board position has. We will also connect you with the current board members who are serving so that you can ask them questions pertaining to their current board responsibilities. The term of service is three years, and your service would begin in July of 2022. The current openings are:

- ⇒ 2 board members will be needed for the Board of Finance
- ⇒ 2 board members are needed for Board of Stewardship

PARKING LOT PROJECT AT CHURCH

Currently, we have about \$52,552 in dedicated funds to go towards the repair and replacement of our church parking lot. We have received a generous matching grant offer from one of our members here at Grace of \$10,000. If our congregation can raise an additional \$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.

LUTHERAN HOUR - "What Shall We Do?" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge. Why Easter is a story of redemption and not revenge. (Luke 20:9-19, Acts 2:22-36) **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

"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 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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Catechism: Table of Duties—Of Civil Government: Romans 13:1-4

Verse of the week: Psalm 118:8, *“It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.”*

Psalm of the week: Psalm 122

Hymn of the week: (LSB 734) “I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name” (stanzas 1-3)

Bible Readings for the Week:

Sunday— The Feeding of the 5,000—John 6:1-15

Monday— Passion: Peter Denies His Lord—Luke 22:54-62

Tuesday— Passion: Jesus Before the Sanhedrin—Luke 22:63-71

Wednesday— Pray the Lord to Send Laborers—Matt 9:35-39

Thursday— Passion: Jesus Before Pontius Pilate and King Herod—Lk. 23:1-12

Friday— Passion: The King of the Jews Is Mocked—Luke 23:13-38

Saturday— Genesis 22:1-14

“I cannot ponder every day the full life of Christ in the Gospels. But I can during the year on various days celebrate and ponder His Annunciation, Nativity, Presentation, Baptism, Temptation, Transfiguration, Triumphal Entry, Last Supper, Agony in the Garden, Arrest, Trial, Passion, Carrying of the Cross, Crucifixion, Death, Burial, Resurrection, Great Commission, or Ascension.” *James M. Kushiner, executive director, Fellowship of St. James - 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 - Knowing that God has graciously given us our physical and spiritual lives, we seek to show our gratitude in how we live and what we do with our lives. An important way we show our thanksgiving to Him is through giving. Giving expresses our love and gratitude to God. Giving to others and to extend God's Church is evidence of God's grace in our lives. Giving is a fruit of grace. Without God's grace, we are not able to give up our resources generously. To unbelievers, giving is foolish and unnecessary. In contrast, believers are empowered by the working of the Holy Spirit to give willingly to all people especially fellow believers who need support (Galatians 6:10).

**AS WE PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS
OF OTHERS, GOD'S LOVE IS SEEN
IN AND THROUGH US.**

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



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

<u>Offering</u>			
<i>General Offering</i>	\$4,327.00	<i>Attendance 3/17</i>	42
<i>On-Line Giving</i>	1,528.63		
<i>Missions</i>	25.00	<i>Attendance 3/20</i>	73
<i>Debt Fund</i>	200.00	<i>Communed 3/6</i>	55
<i>Mortgage Offering</i>	300.00		
<i>Lutheran High</i>	0.00		
<i>Stephen Ministry</i>	0.00		
Total	\$6,380.63		

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	3/27	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Divine Worship Sunday School Bible Study (school library) Divine Worship
Monday	3/28	6:30 pm	Confirmation Class @ church
Tuesday	3/29	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast @ OC Diner
Wednesday	3/30	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
Thursday	3/31	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Lenten Worship Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	4/3	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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