

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3rd, 2022

"By His Grace you are saved through faith"

Ephesians 2:8



Image: "Christ is our cornerstone, On Him alone we build; With His true saints alone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His great love Our hopes we place Of present grace And joys above."
(LSB 912:1)

Welcome to Grace! **We're Glad You've Joined Us!**

WORSHIP NOTES FOR OUR GUESTS

Worship bulletins & worship activity bags (age 2-8) are available for your children to use during the service. Please see an usher if you need assistance finding them.

Children are **always** welcome - we don't want anything to keep families from attending! From time to time a child will naturally have a difficult moment in worship. If that happens and you feel a need to step out, please make use of our church narthex and entrance, so you may still be able to follow along in worship until your child is ready to return again!

If you would like to include a **prayer for someone** in our worship today, please add it to the **Prayer Request Sheet** found on the podium in the narthex.

We're glad you're with us. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Taggatz. If you are in search of a new church home, or are interested in learning more about Grace, we would be happy to visit with you. We hope you'll be back and give us an opportunity to know you!

As We Gather "Authority for What?"

That God has authority is not always in question, but how God uses His authority so often confuses and confounds us. Such is the way of mercy. We instinctively believe that mercy should be reserved for those who deserve it, but God shows His mercy even to those who reject it. The tenants in Jesus' parable treat the servants of the vineyard owner shamefully, and yet he sends his own son. Is this not the story of the world since Adam and Even rebelled against God? Yet even as we rejoice in God's mercy, we realize that the rejection of His mercy is not without consequence and those who reject the cornerstone will be crushed by it on the day of judgment.

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 811

Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices (vs. 1-5)



1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es To praise my
2 O all you pow'rs that He im - plant - ed, A - rise, keep
3 You for - est leaves so green and ten - der That dance for
4 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, That through the
5 Cre - a - tor, hum - bly I im - plore You To lis - ten



God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -
si - lence now no more; Put forth the strength that God has
joy in sum - mer air, You mead - ow grass - es, bright and
earth, the sea, the sky, Come, share with me my heart's de -
to my earth - ly song Un - til that day when I a -



joic - es, Would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs To all, wher -
grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to a - dore. O soul and
slen - der, You flow'rs so fra - grant and so fair, You live to
vo - tion, Help me to sing God's prais - es high. My ut - most
dore You, To - geth - er with the an - gel throng And learn with



ev - er I might be, What great things God has done for me.
bod - y, join to raise With heart - felt joy our Mak - er's praise.
show God's praise a - lone. Join me to make His glo - ry known.
pow'rs can nev - er quite De - clare the won - ders of His might.
choirs of heav'n to sing E - ter - nal an - thems to my King.

Stand

Confession and Absolution

LSB 203

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 3:3-6; antiphon: v. 8 (sung responsively)*



Salvation belongs | to the LORD;*
your blessing be on your | people!
But you, O LORD, are a shield a- | bout me,*
my glory, and the lifter | of my head.
I cried aloud | to the LORD,*
and he answered me from his | holy hill.
I lay | down and slept;*
I woke again, for the LORD sus- | tained me.
I will not be afraid of many thousands of | people*
who have set themselves against me | all around.

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.

Salvation belongs | to the LORD;*
your blessing be on your | people!

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, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and 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 Lesson *Isaiah 43:16-21*

(Behold, I am doing a new thing!)

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. ¹⁹Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.”

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 Philippians 3:8-14

(Press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God.)

⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Verse for the 5th Sunday in Lent

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” (Luke 20:17b)

Holy Gospel Luke 20:9-20

(The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.)

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

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

⁹[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’”

¹⁵And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” ¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone?’

¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. ²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

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

Children’s Message “A Stone Foundation” (Luke 20:9-20) *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 430

My Song Is Love Unknown (vs. 1-5, 7)



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior’s love to
 2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
 sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
 King. Then “Cru - ci - fy!” Is all their breath,
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
Who at my need His life did spend!
And for His death They thirst and cry.
Them-selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

5 They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suff'ring goes
That He His foes
From thence might free.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!

Sermon: “Crushed Dreams & Dreams Fulfilled” (Luke 20:9-20)

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

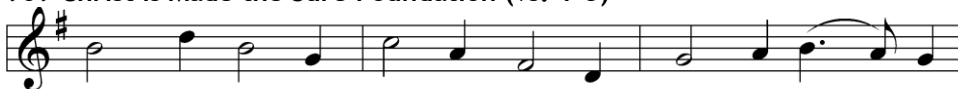


Son the lost to save, That all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus saves your



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.

909 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (vs. 1-3)



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of
 3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faith - ful All the gifts they



cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; Come with all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 ask to gain; What they gain from You, for - ev - er



Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's
 Hear Your peo - ple as they pray; And Your full - est
 With the bless - ed to re - tain; And here - af - ter



help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.

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.**

Sit

Closing Hymn 420

Christ, the Life of All the Living (vs. 1-4, 7)



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a
3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might
4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur-round Thee, Treat - ing Thee with
7 Then, for all that wrought my par - don, For Thy sor - rows



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,
all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,
shame - ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.
deep and sore, For Thine an - guish in the Gar - den,



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,
O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my
Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of
All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou
I will thank Thee ev - er - more, Thank Thee for Thy



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
 soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
 God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.
 might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.
 groan - ing, sigh - ing, For Thy bleed - ing and Thy dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
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 Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
 For that last tri - um - phant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

Announcements

P: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!



Altar Flowers

Altar flowers this week are given by Sharon Russell in memory of her mother.

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	Richard Jackson
<u>Readers</u>	Suzie Miranda	Cris Evers	Lisa Kamprath
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Jennifer Olen	Lynn Buzzell	Lynn Buzzell
<u>Linens</u>	Gail Nowakowski	Jennifer Olen	Jennifer Olen
<u>Acolytes</u>			Tatiana Concepcion
<u>Ushers</u>	Jim Robinson	Larry Herte, Andrea Szeplinski, Tommy Szeplinski	Cathy Weeks, Rick Weeks, Amelia Poellet, Dachs Poellet

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); 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; 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); Doug & Char Klipfel (healing and strength); Eres (healing & strength) son of ECC Teacher at Grace; Dan (surgery) son of Alberta Loomis; Jane Isaacs (healing & strength) friend of Rachel Miliacca; Carol Wysocki-Borkowski (surgery) 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.

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!!

UPDATES TO THE GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH DIRECTORY—Please see the current Church Directory on the table in the narthex of the church. We are currently trying to update our Church Directory and we would like you to make sure that we have your current email address, physical address, and phone number(s). Also, if you have a family or friend here at our congregation that you see needs their information revised and updated, please let us know changes to their information as well. We would like to print up a new Church Directory by June of 2022. Also, please let us know if you would like certain information in the directory private from the officially published directory that we plan on giving to our congregation members.

Important Dates for Sunday School Coming Up--This is a reminder that there will be no Sunday School on Palm Sunday, April 10th and Easter Sunday, April 17th. The last day of Sunday School will be Sunday, May 22nd. Thank you for having your children attend Sunday School this year, as they have had the opportunity to learn more about God's love for them in Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord!

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!!!



Grace Ladies Guild
April Meeting: Saturday, April 9
9:00 a.m.-11:00a.m.
Zone 1 Spring Rally at Chapel of the Cross Lutheran
3353 S. Whitnall Ave, Milwaukee
Bible study with Zone Counselor Pastor Palmer
"LWML 80s for 80" Gifts from the Heart items to bring:

- 4 pack Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Box of Tissues

...to benefit the Community Project for Seniors
<https://www.cpforseniors.org/>



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 \$53,052 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.

You Are Invited!!! *“Seeing the Resurrection Today”*

The accounts of Jesus’ resurrection are often seen as describing something that happened a long time ago. However, the greatest part of these narratives is how they put the resurrection right into the church’s worship of all times and places. Join us as Rev. Dr. Brian German leads us to a fresh look at these beloved texts. Rev. Dr. Brian German is Associate Professor of Theology at Concordia University Wisconsin and Director of the Concordia Bible Institute

May 3, 10 and 17

6:30-8:00PM

Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church

462 Meadowbrook Dr

West Bend, WI 53090

262-334-0375

LUTHERAN HOUR - "This Is the Feast" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A costly and extravagant meal prepared by a master chef symbolizes the meal Christ serves to His people, the Church. (Luke 22:27) **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, 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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Catechism: Table of Duties—Of Citizens: Matthew 22:21; Romans 13:5-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-3; Titus 3:1; 1 Peter 2:13-14

Verse of the week: Romans 8:18, *“I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”*

Psalm of the week: Psalm 43

Hymn of the week: (LSB 421) “Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing” (stanzas 1-2, 5)

Bible Readings for the Week:

Sunday— Jesus Confesses to be “I AM”—John 8:42-59

Monday— Passion: Jesus’ Death and Burial—Luke 23:39-56

Tuesday— Passion: Jesus Is Anointed at Bethany—John 12:1-11

Wednesday— The Preparation of the Passover—John 12:12-26

Thursday— Passion: Jesus Washes the Disciples’ Feet—John 13:1-20

Friday— Passion: A New Commandment Is Given—John 13:21-38

Saturday— Zechariah 9:9-12

“You and I are God’s workmanship as well. In and of ourselves we have nothing to offer God. But He gave us His Son, eternal life, forgiveness of sins, as well as the grace to serve Him. By God’s tender-mercies we are qualified to serve Him now and forevermore!” *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 - God’s love for us is constant and unconditional. In the beginning, God created a beautiful world for us to enjoy. Through the atoning blood of His Son, He has forgiven us of our evil and sinful ways. In spite of our rebellion, He sent Jesus to suffer and die for us. His Word promises that He will never forsake us (Hebrews 13:5) nor stop loving us (Psalm 103:17). It is the essence of God’s nature to love. We don’t need to question His love for us; however, we do need to ask, “How am I responding to His love?” “Does my life reflect His love for me?” “Does my giving and serving demonstrate my love for Him?”

DURING LENT, WE FACE HEAD ON THE DESTRUCTIVE NATURE OF SIN IN OUR LIVES AND OUR NEED FOR A SAVIOR.

“The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 15:56).

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

<u>Offering</u>			
<i>General Offering</i>	\$1,895.25	<i>Attendance 3/24</i>	29
<i>On-Line Giving</i>	662.55		
<i>Missions</i>	0.00	<i>Attendance 3/27</i>	100
<i>Debt Fund</i>	0.00	<i>Communed 3/27</i>	60
<i>Mortgage Offering</i>	65.00		
<i>Lutheran High</i>	0.00		
<i>Stephen Ministry</i>	0.00		
Total	\$2,622.80		

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	4/3	8:00 am	Divine Worship
		9:15 am	Sunday School
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Study (school library)
		10:30 am	Divine Worship
Monday	4/4	6:30 pm	Confirmation Class @ church
Tuesday	4/5	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast @ OC Diner
		6:30 pm	Stephen Ministry Meeting (school library)
Wednesday	4/6	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
		6:30 pm	All Board's Meeting (school-arts/science rm)
Thursday	4/7	6:30 pm	Lenten Worship
		5:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal**
		7:30 pm	Deaf Ministry Mission Presentation
Saturday	4/9	7:00 am	Rise & Sonshine Bible Study
		9:00 am	Grace Ladies Guild Mtg (Chapel of the Cross)
		3:00 pm	Grace Lutheran Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday	4/10	8:00 am	Palm Sunday Worship
		10:30 am	Palm Sunday Worship – 1st Communion

****Note: see time change for this weeks choir rehearsal.**

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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