

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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*Celebrate
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The 8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 28th & July 31st, 2022



"By His Grace you are saved through faith"

Ephesians 2:8

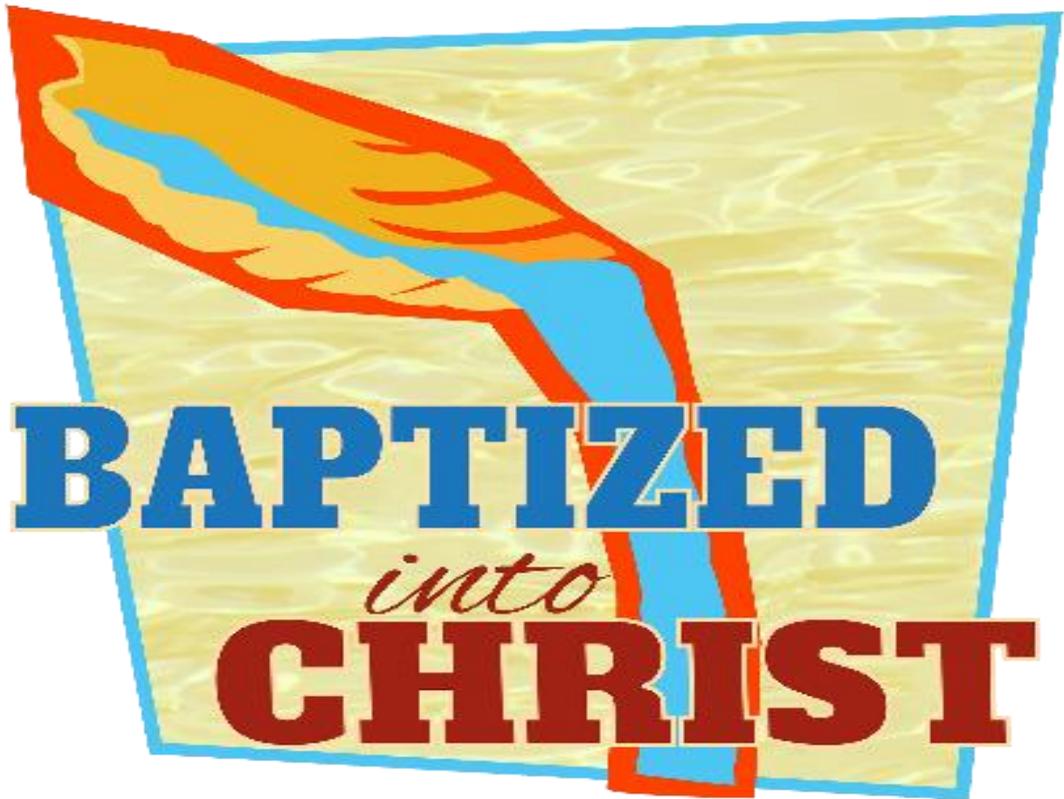


Image: "Baptized into Your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and lowly, Among Your saints, Your chosen host. Buried with Christ and dead to sin, Your Spirit now shall live within." (LSB 590:1)

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 “Given to Eternal Life”

The three Readings today all tell of the contrasts between people who have faith in Christ and those who do not. The important message is that we recognize God's gracious blessings and so reflect them as we live. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that *“one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions”* (Luke 12:15) and warns about one who is *“not rich toward God”* (v. 21). When in Ecclesiastes *“the Preacher” sees vanity all around, he writes, “to the one who pleases Him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy”* (Ecclesiastes 2:26). In the Epistle, Paul promises that we who, in our Baptism, *“have been raised with Christ, . . . will appear with Him in glory”* (Colossians 3:1a, 4b). We have been given not only physical life but also eternal life.

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, pg. 203*

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Opening Hymn 590

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy (vs. 1-4)



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your
3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly
4 All that I am and love most dear-ly— Re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me
will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er
Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,
If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I
Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
com - fort me When threat - ning clouds a - round I see.
come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.
am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

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.**

Stand

✠ WORD ✠

Introit (Psalm 49:7-8, 13-14a, 15; antiphon: vv. 1-2, read responsively)

Hear this, all | peoples!*

Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world,
both | low and high,*
rich and poor to- | gether!

Truly no man can ransom an- | other,*
or give to God the price | of his life,
for the ransom of their life is | costly*
and can nev- | er suffice.

This is the path of those who have foolish | confidence;*
yet after them people approve | of their boasts.

Like sheep they are appointed | for Sheol;*
death shall be their | shepherd.

But God will ransom my soul from the power | of Sheol,*
for he will re- | ceive me.

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.

Hear this, all | peoples!*
Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world,
both | low and high,*
rich and poor to- | gether!

Kyrie

LSB 204

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

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

C 1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; 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 *Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26*

(Life is much more than possessions.)

²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

¹²I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .

¹⁸I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

²⁴There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual (*Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt., read responsively*)

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the | good news,*
who publish peace and bring good news of sal- | vation.
Their voice has gone out to | all the earth,*
and their words to the ends | of the world.

Epistle Lesson *Colossians 3:1-11*

(In Baptism, our old selves were buried with Christ; therefore, our new self ought to reflect His presence in how we live.)

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205

- C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Alleluia Verse for the 8th Sunday after Pentecost

“Alleluia. Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. Alleluia.” (Colossians 3:23-24a)

Holy Gospel *Luke 12:13-21*

(Life means more than earthly treasures.)

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

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 “Ta-Da!” (Col. 3:1-11) 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 766

Our Father, Who from Heaven Above (vs. 1, 5-9)



1 Our Fa - ther, who from heav'n a - bove Bids all of us to
 5 Give us this day our dai - ly bread, And let us all be
 6 For - give our sins, Lord, we im - plore, That they may trou - ble
 7 Lead not in - to temp - ta - tion, Lord, Where our grim foe and



live in love As mem - bers of one fam - i - ly And
 clothed and fed. Save us from hard - ship, war, and strife; In
 us no more; We, too, will glad - ly those for - give Who
 all his horde Would vex our souls on ev - 'ry hand. Help



pray to You in u - ni - ty, Teach us no thought - less words to
 plague and fam - ine, spare our life, That we in hon - est peace may
 hurt us by the way they live. Help us in our com - mu - ni -
 us re - sist, help us to stand Firm in the faith, a might - y



say But from our in - most hearts to pray.
 live, To care and greed no en - trance give.
 ty To serve each oth - er will - ing - ly.
 host, Through com - fort of the Ho - ly Ghost.

8 From evil, Lord, deliver us;
The times and days are perilous.
Redeem us from eternal death,
And, when we yield our dying breath,
Console us, grant us calm release,
And take our souls to You in peace.

9 Amen, that is, so shall it be.
Make strong our faith in You, that we
May doubt not but with trust believe
That what we ask we shall receive.
Thus in Your name and at Your Word
We say, “Amen, O hear us, Lord!”

Sermon “Who Should Pray?” (John 17:20 & Rom. 8:15, 26, 34)

Sermon Texts

John 17:20—[Jesus said], I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word.

Romans 8:15, 26, 34—For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

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. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. 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:

602 The Gifts Christ Freely Gives (vs. 1-6)



1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me
2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;
3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;
4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!
New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.
The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.
God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim
Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;
For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;
Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.
Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

5 The gifts are in the feast,
 Gifts far more than we see;
 Beneath the bread and wine
 Is food from Calvary.
 The body and the blood
 Remove our ev'ry sin;
 We leave His presence in
 His peace, renewed again.

6 All glory to the One
 Who lavishes such love;
 The triune God in love
 Assures our life above.
 His means of grace for us
 Are gifts He loves to give;
 All thanks and praise for His
 Great love by which we live!

743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure (vs. 1-4)



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure,
 2 In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me
 3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de - cry thee;
 4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure,



Tru - est friend to me, Ah, how long in an - guish
 Can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,
 Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me
 Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!



Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee?
 Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.
 Nor thy threats a - larm me While I sing of peace.
 Naught to me thy sto - ry Told with tempt - ing voice.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer
 Light - nings flash And thun - ders crash; Yet, though sin and
 God's great pow'r Guards ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its
 Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my



naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask be - side Thee.
hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
depths a - dore Him, Si - lent bow be - fore Him.
Sav - ior move me Since He deigns to love me.

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.

Closing Hymn 922

Go, My Children, with My Blessing (vs. 1-4)



- 1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing, Nev - er a - lone.
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos - er to Me;
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My
I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.
heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.
Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.
Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.
Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy - ful and free.
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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 6:30pm</u>	<u>Sunday 9:00am</u>
<u>Elders</u>	Adam Voss	Greg Nowakowski
<u>Readers</u>	Suzie Mirenda	Cris Evers
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Janine & Marlene	Janine & Marlene
<u>Linens</u>	Donna Dotson	Donna Dotson
<u>Ushers</u>	Marlene Voss, Lance Kopperud	Cathy Weeks, Rick Weeks, Amelia Poellet, Dachs Poellet

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

For all who worship this day, bless us through your Word, O Lord. **Karen** (healing & strength) sister-in-law of Janine Pieper; **Pastor Bill Wurm**, Pastor Taggatz's father-in-law; **Tom Janes** (healing & strength) Diane Pielsnik's brother; **Larry Abelt Sr.** (healing & strength) Leah Abelt's Father-in-Law; **Tim** (healing) Donna Dotson's brother; **Renee Lutzke** (healing); **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; **Susan Sochowski** (recovery from stroke) friend of Taggatz family; **Doreen** (cancer) daughter of Bob & Dawn Jantz; **Rose Adams** (healing & strength); **Gail Nowakowski** (healing & strength); **Glen Peronto** (back surgery) friend of Cris Evers; **Greg Voss** (healing & strength); **Danielle**, student of Lisa Kamprath; **Deb** (healing for her knee) friend of Marlene Voss; **Pam Umaski** (healing & renewed strength after her kidney transplant); **Curt Bayer** (cancer) former member of Grace; **Sindy Schmidt** (healing); **Randy** (healing) brother of Lori Kachelmeier; **Bob Morgan** (healing & strength); **Aaron Epps** (LC-MS Youth depressed & struggling); **Lynn Seeger** (heart issues) friend of Chris Evers; **Nate Taggatz** (fighting California Canyon Wildfire in New Mexico) Pastor Taggatz's brother; **Everett Vandermolen** (healing & strength) father of Jen Gettelman.

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

We pray for those who mourn: Heavenly Father receive our humble thanks for all the mercies that you granted to our dear sister in Christ, **Andie**, a friend of Joy Lussier, during her earthly life, especially for calling her by the Gospel and sustaining her in the Christian faith until her departure. Comfort those who mourn Andie's death with the hope of the glorious resurrection and a happy reunion in heaven. Help us to remember that we are mortal, that we may prepare ourselves to fall asleep in faith and receive the glory promised to all who trust in Your beloved Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

We pray for June Roewer on hospice care: Almighty God, gracious Father, look in mercy on **June Roewer**, who was put on hospice care. Forgive her all her sins and strengthen her faith in Christ Jesus and in His salvation. By Your Holy Spirit grant her a living hope and a sure confidence in Christ until that time when You shall receive her into Your eternal kingdom. Amen.

All those on the Grace Prayer Line dealing with long term health and medical issues; 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

Grace Lutheran Church Space Station Salvation VBS blasted off on Friday, July 22nd!!!
We had a great time as we learned about Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Thank you to all who donated items, volunteered, and prayed for our Vacation Bible School. We had 36 children this year and we couldn't have put the VBS on without your prayers and support. Our theme this year was "Space Station Salvation." We even had a bonfire and s'mores after our VBS. Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered, who prayed, and supported our VBS this year!!!

Come join us for a fun craft night exploring Alcohol Ink!

No crafting skills needed, come for the fun! Bring a snack to share, drinks provided.

Cost - \$10/person

When: Monday, August 8th at 6:00 pm

Location: Dachel's house - 9728 S. Rustic Place, Oak Creek, Phone: 414-578-0457

This craft involves glass, paint, and alcohol inks so you may want to wear clothes that can get messy! These crafts may need to dry overnight, pickup will be at church.

Altar Guild Meeting

Monday, August 15, 2022

6:30pm at church

-Review of set-up and linen care

Hope to see you there!

-Jennifer O.



Grief Share Group starting in August at Grace Lutheran School

No matter what the circumstances, grief recovery is a painful process. Have you or someone you know experienced the death of a loved one recently? In August we are starting a special seminar and support group that we sponsor for people dealing with the loss of a family member here at Grace Lutheran Church Oak Creek. We understand how deeply grief and loss hurt people and families, and we simply wanted you to know about our Grief Share group. It's a place where many people have found they can begin putting their lives back together again with the Lord's help and with the love and encouragement of His Church. Our Grief Share grief recovery seminar and support group will meet on Monday evenings at Grace Lutheran School starting August 15th-November 14th (excluding Labor Day) from 6:30-8:00pm in the School Library. The cost for attending is \$20.00. Grace Lutheran School is located at: 8537 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Oak Creek. Lori Kachelmeier and Jeanne Meyer will be the leaders for this Grief Share Group. Grief Share features nationally recognized experts on grief recovery topics. Seminar sessions include *"Is This Normal?"* *"The Challenges of Grief,"* *"Grief and Your Relationships,"* *"Why?"* and *"Guilt and Anger."* For more information or to register: go to the website: www.griefshare.org and enter our zip code "53154" to the left of "find a group" box and do a search. It will bring up our Monday 6:30 pm meetings. For further questions please call Lori Kachelmeier at: 414-828-0290.

WANTED! Sunday School Teachers * Helpers * Subs: If you are interested in helping out with teaching, helping or subbing Sunday School this Fall, please contact our Sunday School Superintendent, Jill Nowack at:

PH: 414-412-8381 or by email: sundayschool@graceoakcreek.org.

Meet us at the Traveling Beer Garden – Drexel Town Square - August 19th – 4:30pm! Come join us at the beer garden for some fellowship and fun (and of course a beer!). Bring your family and friends...this is open to all who want to join us! You may want to bring a bag chair along as seating is limited.

Giving Tree in our Church Sanctuary—please consider making a donation to our Grace Lutheran Ministries to help us to continue the mission work of our Church, School, and Early Childhood Center. The needs of our ministries are on the *Giving Tree* for you to take a look at. This year we are offering special gifts of puzzles, devotional literature, and other gift items that we would like to give to our homebound members. We are also looking to raise money for building improvements to our Early Childhood Center. Thank you for your ongoing support of the ministries here at Grace!!!

Counter Needed

We are looking for a volunteer to be considered for training. The counters work in pairs, so you will be paired with someone else...an experienced counter. Each pair of counters is scheduled for one counting session per month that takes about 2 hours, usually on a Sunday after the late service, but the schedule can be very flexible. This is an important process in our church's administration, and we welcome interested members. Please contact our Financial Secretary, Lori Kachelmeier at: jlkachel2@gmail.com or 414-828-0290.

Sunday, September 11th—Christian Education Sunday and Church Picnic at Grace Lutheran School!!! Please join us for our church picnic on Sunday, September 11th. We will have our Christian Education Sunday Worship Service at 10am in our Church Sanctuary. Then, the picnic will start at 11:30am at Grace Lutheran School. We will be recognizing the new members we have received at Grace over the last year, as well as showing honor to our staff for their anniversaries of service. **Please register by Sunday, September 4th.** You can register on the sign-up sheet in the church narthex, or by contacting the church office via email church@graceoakcreek.org, or calling 414-762-8990. Please note that food and beverages will be provided for this event. Feel free to bring lawn games such as: *ladder toss and bean bag toss* for you and your fellow parishioners to enjoy. As you sign up, please indicate the number of people attending and if you can help with set up, serving, and/or clean up. We are looking forward to seeing you there!!!



On September 16th we will be hosting "The Gracie Awards". It will be a night of dinner and fellowship as we honor staff and congregation members!

This event is a fundraiser for our school and ECC to perform some much needed security updates to keep our students and staff safe. (bullet proof glass film, security cameras, staff training, etc.) Tickets go on sale August 19th.

We are looking for silent auction donations and event sponsors! Event sponsors would make larger donations to the event itself while table sponsors are businesses/families who donate \$300 to "purchase" a table for up to 8 guests. Companies such as Kendra Scott, The Green Bay Packers,

Milwaukee Admirals, and more have already donated silent auction items! If you have any questions about this event please contact the ECC office 414-762-8755.

“Lord, Teach Us to Pray: A Sermon Series on the Lord’s Prayer”

I, as your Pastor, am no master of prayer. But Jesus is. Before we can ever talk about the discipline or the practice of prayer, we first need to hear the good news: *Jesus has given you the gift of prayer.* God the Father hears your prayers on account of Jesus Christ, who has given you the Holy Spirit, who drives you to pray. Prayer is a gift from the triune God, given to all who believe. Jesus not only teaches us to pray, he gives us the gift of prayer and the promise that God is listening. Having received these gracious gifts, we are ready to explore prayer more deeply. In this sermon series on the Lord’s Prayer, I as your Pastor, hope that it will help you to hear what Jesus teaches about prayer and what it looks like to pray in light of the gospel.

1. “The Gift of Prayer” (Luke 11:1-13) (July 21st & 24th, 2022)
2. “Who Should Pray?” (John 17:20 & Romans 8:15, 26, 34) (July 28th & 31st, 2022)
3. “Why Pray?” (Psalm 50:15 & Matthew 7:7) (August 4th & 7th, 2022)
4. “What to Say?” (Luke 11:1-13; Matt. 6:9; John 15:15; Phil. 4:6-7) (August 11th & 14th, 2022)
5. “Using the Gift” (Hebrews 13:15; Matt. 6:8; Ps 5:3; Ps. 55:17 & Ps. 141:23) (August 18th & 21st, 2022)

LUTHERAN HOUR - "Hebel" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Dr. Michael Zeigler contrasts life's ephemeral nature with Christ's eternal hope. (Ecclesiastes 12:8) **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

IN THE WORD FOR THE 8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar—What is the benefit of this eating and drinking? How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

Verse of the week: John 6:51, *"I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."*

Psalm of the week: Psalm 47

Hymn of the week: (LSB 619) "Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior"

Bible Readings for the Week:

Sunday—The Feeding of the 4,000—Mark 8:1-9

Monday—The Kingdom of God—Luke 17:20-37

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

Wednesday—The Pharisee and the Tax Collector—Luke 18:9-17

Thursday—The Rich Young Ruler—Luke 18:18-34

Friday—Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus—Luke 18:35-43

Saturday—Jeremiah 23:16-29

'Therefore choose life,' God said, 'that you and your offspring may live.' The way to choose life is to trust. Don't panic. Did you think human life was going to be humanly possible? It's not. It was never meant to be. Guiding a human being through the journey of life is possible only for God. That's why the only way to choose life is to trust, to trust God. God gives no one a possible life. The call of God is to an impossible life. Otherwise, why trust? And life was created for trust." *Rev. Gary Blobaum, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oregon, Illinois - 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—When things aren’t going well, we may find it difficult to be thankful. We look at our problems and think, “Woe is me!” God’s Word, however, tells us: “*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you*” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). How is this possible? Only as we focus on Christ can we be thankful, no matter what our circumstances are. Study the Biblical saints: Paul and Silas singing in prison; Peter and John rejoicing that they are counted worthy to suffer for Christ. Their secret was their focus on Christ instead of themselves.

JUST AS ATHLETES AND MUSICIANS DISCIPLINE THEMSELVES TO PRACTICE, WE CAN USE DISCIPLINE TO HELP US DEVELOP AN ACTIVE PRAYER LIFE.

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**Growing In Grace
July 21st & 24th, 2022**

Offering

<i>General Offering</i>	\$5,247.00	Attendance	77
<i>On-Line Giving</i>	\$1,964.30	Communed	63
<i>Missions</i>	\$300.00		
<i>Debt Fund</i>	\$25.00		
<i>Mortgage Offering</i>	\$115.00		
<i>Lutheran High</i>	\$0.00		
Total	\$7,651.30		

OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday	7/31	9:00 am	Divine Worship
Tuesday	8/2	7:00 am	Men’s Bible Study & Breakfast @ OC Diner
		6:30 pm	Stephen Ministry Meeting
Wednesday	8/3	6:30 pm	All Board’s Meeting
Thursday	8/4	6:30 pm	Divine Worship-MITES
Sunday	8/7	9:00 am	Divine Worship-MITES

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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