

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

Oak Creek, Wisconsin
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*Celebrate
Teach
Share*

The 13th Sunday after Pentecost

September 1st & 4th, 2022



"By His Grace you are saved through faith."

Ephesians 2:8



Image: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths. . . . Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD." (Isaiah 2:3, 5)

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 "Choose Life!"

The first issue that naturally comes to mind to many Christians when hearing the phrase "Choose life!" is that of abortion, which chooses death, not life. And indeed, never should our witness to God's gift of life be silenced! Beyond that, however, are all the other choices we make in our struggles between God's good and gracious will for all and the universal disability of sin that constantly attempts to lead us away from God and His call to life. Today, God's Word gives us the assurance that because our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has chosen to take our suffering and death into Himself by His cross, all who are baptized into His saving death are given the power of faith to love God and pursue His ways of life according to His good and gracious Law and Gospel. Blessed is the man whose *"delight is in the law of the LORD"* (Psalm 1:2).

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 1, pg. 151*

✘ PREPARATION ✘

Opening Hymn 605

Father Welcomes (vs. 1-3)

Refrain



Fa - ther wel - comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly



through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,



Life for - ev - er has been won.



1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly



is of these. Life and love I have to give,
be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,



Mer - cy for your sin.
Shall be born a - gain.
Live in the peace of God.

Refrain

Stand

Confession and Absolution

LSB 151

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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.**
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 119:28-32; antiphon: v. 27, sung responsively*)



Make me understand the way of your | precepts,*
and I will meditate on your | wondrous works.

**My soul melts away for | sorrow;*
strengthen me according | to your word!**

Put false ways | far from me*
and graciously teach | me your law!

**I have chosen the way of | faithfulness;*
I set your just decrees be- | fore me.**

I cling to your testimonies, | O LORD;*
let me not be | put to shame!
I will run in the way of your com- | mandments*
when you en- | large my 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.

Make me understand the way of your | precepts,*
and I will meditate on your | wondrous works.

Kyrie

LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C Amen.

This Is the Feast

LSB 155

C This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 156

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

(The choice of life and death)

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

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

Gradual (*Psalm 34:9, 19, alt., read responsively*)

Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle Lesson

Philemon 1-21

(Paul's plea for Onesimus)

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow
soldier, and the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love and
of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the sharing
of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for
the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because
the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet
for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ
Jesus— ¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment.
¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending
him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order
that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred
to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but
of your own free will. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you
might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—
especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has
wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with
my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother,
I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

Stand

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia Verse for the 13th Sunday after Pentecost

“Alleluia. Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Alleluia.” (Galatians 6:14)

Holy Gospel

Luke 14:25-35

(The cost of discipleship)

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

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

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

³⁴“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

Nicene Creed

LSB 158

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.

Children’s Message “Choose Life!” (Deuteronomy 30:15-20) 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 573

Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee (vs. 1-3)



1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose Thee; That, I know, could
 2 It was grace in Christ that called me, Taught my dark - ened
 Δ 3 Praise the God of all cre - a - tion; Praise the Fa - ther's



nev - er be; For this heart would still re - fuse Thee Had Thy
 heart and mind; Else the world had yet en - thrall'd me, To Thy
 bound-less love. Praise the Lamb, our ex - pi - a - tion, Priest and



grace not cho - sen me. Thou hast from the sin that stained me
 heav'n-ly glo - ries blind. Now I wor - ship none a - bove Thee;
 King en - throned a - bove. Praise the Spir - it of sal - va - tion,



Washed and cleansed and set me free And un - to this
 For Thy grace a - lone I thirst, Know - ing well that,
 Him by whom our spir - its live. Un - di - vid - ed



end or - dained me, That I ev - er live to Thee.
 if I love Thee, Thou, O Lord, didst love me first.
 ad - o - ra - tion To the great Je - ho - vah give.

Sermon

“The Cost of Discipleship” (Luke 14:25-35)

Offertory

LSB 159

- C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
 I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
 I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
 I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
 in the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

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 160

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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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 161

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow’r and might:**

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our

prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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 162

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 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

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:

696 O God, My Faithful God (vs. 1-6)



1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing
3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;
4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;
Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;
And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in
That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless
But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small



A con - science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.
The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.
Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.
And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

5 Let me depart this life
 Confiding in my Savior;
 By grace receive my soul
 That it may live forever;
 And let my body have
 A quiet resting place
 Within a Christian grave;
 And let it sleep in peace.

6 And on that final day
 When all the dead are waking,
 Stretch out Your mighty hand,
 My deathly slumber breaking.
 Then let me hear Your voice,
 Redeem this earthly frame,
 And bid me to rejoice
 With those who love Your name.

752 Be Still, My Soul (vs. 1-4)



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear pa - tient-
 2 Be still, my soul; your God will un - der - take To guide the
 3 Be still, my soul; though dear - est friends de - part And all is
 4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on When we shall



ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to or - der
 fu - ture as He has the past. Your hope, your con - fi - dence let
 dark - ened in this vale of tears; Then you will bet - ter know His
 be for - ev - er with the Lord, When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and



and pro - vide; In ev - 'ry change He faith - ful will re -
 noth - ing shake; All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at
 love, His heart, Who comes to soothe your sor - rows and your
 fear are gone, Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re -



main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly Friend
 last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
 fears. Be still, my soul; your Je - sus can re - pay
 stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.
 From His own full - ness all He takes a - way.
 All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Thank the Lord

LSB 164

- C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 166

- 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.

Benediction

LSB 166

- 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 791

All People That on Earth Do Dwell (vs. 1-4)



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our
 3 O en - ter then His gates with praise; Ap - proach with
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good: His mer - cy



Lord with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with mirth, His
 aid He did us make. We are His folk, He
 joy His courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless His
 is for - ev - er sure. His truth at all times



praise forth - tell; Come ye be - fore Him and re - joice.
 doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.
 name al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood And shall from age to age en - dure.

Announcements

P: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!



Altar Flowers

Altar flowers this week are given by Stan Gumm
 in memory of his wife's birthday.

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>	Greg Nowakowski	Eric Kamprath
<u>Readers</u>	Pastor Taggatz	Lisa Kamprath
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Janine & Marlene	Janine & Marlene
<u>Linens</u>	Gail Nowakowski	Gail Nowakowski
<u>Ushers</u>	Jim Robinson, Andrea Szefflinski, Tommy Szefflinski	Mike Huber, Eric Kamprath, Drew Salzer

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

For all who worship this day, bless us through your Word, O Lord. 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; **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** (hospitalized) brother of Lori Kachelmeier; **Bob Morgan** (healing & strength); **Aaron Epps** (LC-MS Youth depressed & struggling); **Lynn Seeger** (heart issues) friend of Chris Evers; **Everett Vandermolen** (healing & strength) father of Jen Gettelman; **Sandra Mallas** (health, peace, comfort) Mother of Lynn Serdyski; **Claire Dotson** (for patience & wisdom in dealing with multiple health issues) mother of Glenn Dotson; **Gary Forsythe** (dementia) friend of Carol Loveall; **Dick Jackson** (healing from surgery); **Mike Schaefer** (foot surgery) Jeff Schaefer's father; **Danny** (hospitalized quadriplegic) son of Mike & Shelley; **Kevin Iseli and his girlfriend, Crystal** (Severe case of Covid) Sharon and Dennis Iseli's son.

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

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 School is in need of a 4K Teacher Aid and Afternoon Wrap Around Care Teacher. If you are interested in one of these part time positions and would like more information, please contact our school office at: 414-762-3655 or principal@graceoakcreek.org.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

During the month of September, we will be worshipping at:

- Sunday, September 4th at 9:00am
- Sunday September 11th at 10:00am in the church, as we observe Christian Education Sunday, the Church Picnic will follow at 11:30am in our Lutheran School building.
- Sunday, September 18th (and moving forward) at 8:00am and 10:30am, with Sunday School and Adult Bible Class being in the school from 9:15-10:15am.
- Thursday evening worship will remain the same at 6:30pm.

Sunday School Substitute Teachers: If you are interested in helping out with subbing Sunday School this Fall, please contact our Sunday School Superintendent, Jill Nowack at:

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

Register your children for Sunday School by going here:

tinyurl.com/GraceOCSundaySchool

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 10:00am 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!!!

Interested in being on a Fellowship Committee at Grace? We are looking for people who would like to be on a fellowship committee at Grace for the Church, School, and ECC. If you are interested, please call or email the church office at: 414-762-8990 or church@graceoakcreek.org. We have some members who are willing to serve on this committee, but we need more. We are looking to plan events like a game night, trivia night, movie night in the school, a talent night, chili supper, bowling night, and a Potluck for New Members, which is already being planned for Sunday, February 5th, 2023. We are looking for new ideas as well, so please let us know if you might be interested in joining this committee. Once we have enough members interested in this Fellowship Committee, we can set up a meeting to help plan future events.

Faith & Reason & The Great “Awakening” at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church Union Grove

Everyone is invited to join in a day of learning and reflection at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church—Union Grove concerning some of the great challenges in our world today.

Saturday, September 10th, 9:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M.
St. Paul’s Lutheran Church
1610 Main St.
Union Grove, WI 53182

Faith and Reason

What does faith have to do with reason? The question emerged early on in the history of the Church. We still wrestle with it today, especially in matters of science and the historicity of biblical narrative. Prof. Adam Francisco of Concordia University Chicago will address these and related issues in a two-part presentation on the role of reason in the life of a Christian. Prof. Francisco earned his Ph.D. from the University of Oxford and has taught at Concordia University Irvine, Concordia Theological Seminary, Concordia College - New York, and the Warburg Institute, University of London. His areas of expertise are Western Civilization, Islamic History, the History of Ideas, and Apologetics.

The Great “Awakening”

Not everyone can say that they have lived through a "great awakening" that has reshaped their society and culture. However, if you are reading these sentences, you can claim this for the simple fact that you indeed have. You have already gone through a seismic religio-political shift in America. We may not yet have hindsight's clarifying distance, but Christians need to know what “wokeness” and the "Great Awakening" fundamentally is, the challenges this shift presents to the Church, and how we ought to respond. Rev. David Ramirez, pastor of St. Paul’s, will be presenting on this topic in the afternoon session.

Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

Sunday School at Grace begins on Sunday, September 18th. It is for children preschool through 8th Grade. This year we also hope to provide Sunday School for our High School Students. We are also providing Adult Bible Class at Grace. Adult Bible Class will take place in the School Library and Sunday School will be taking place at Grace Lutheran School. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class is between 9:15-10:15am on Sunday mornings. Adult Bible Class will be every Sunday and Sunday School will be on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month (due to a lack of volunteers). **You can register your children for Sunday School online by going here: tinyurl.com/GraceOCSundaySchool**

Ladies Bible Study

The Ladies Bible Study will be starting up again. Please join us on Wednesday mornings at Church beginning, September 14th, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. We are studying, “*Take Heart: God’s Comfort for Anxious Thoughts*” by Lindsay Hausch. Join us!!!



There will be a Voters Meeting on Sunday, September 18th after the 10:30am Worship Service. Please plan on attending as your participation as a member of our congregation is very important for the ministries here at Grace Lutheran Church, School, and Early Childhood Center. Topics of the meeting will include: Pastor's update, goals for the next year from our Church Boards, voting in new members here at Grace, and going through the Church Constitution revisions recommended by the South Wisconsin District.

Attention 6th – 8th Grade Parents

There will be a Confirmation meeting on Monday, September 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary with Pastor Taggatz. Confirmation classes will begin Monday, September 19th at 6:30 p.m. for public school students. The Confirmation Classes will be taking place in the church.

CRAFT NIGHT

When: Tuesday, September 13

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: At the Dachel's house (9728 S. Rustic Place, Oak Creek)

- Sign-up and a sample of the September craft will be at church.
- Bring a snack to share!

USHERS NEEDED—We are looking for ***several*** more ushers to be put on our schedule for Thursday evenings (FEB, MAY, AUG, NOV), Sunday 8:00am (FEB, JUN, OCT) and Sunday 8:00 am (APR, AUG, DEC). If you are interested, please contact Sarah at the church office by phone or email. Thank you for your consideration of serving here at Grace by assisting us in worship. God bless you!!!

Voting of Lay Delegate from Metro South Shore (Circuit #1): Our congregation needs to elect a lay delegate to the Circuit Forum (pastors are automatically delegates). A Circuit Forum is a gathering of these two representatives from all the congregations in the Circuit. The purpose of this Circuit Forum will be to elect one pastoral delegate and one lay delegate to the LCMS National Synod Convention which will be taking place from July 29-August 3, 2023 at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee. Congregations should select their lay delegate to the Circuit Forum at a Voters Meeting, which will be taking place here at Grace on Sunday September 18th. Our Circuit Forum will be taking place on Sunday, October 23rd at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Greenfield at 1 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns about any of the above, please let Pastor Aaron Koch, our Circuit Visitor know. You should be able to find answers to most of your questions at the web link: www.lcms.org/convention. Pastor Koch can be reached at: pastor.koch@gmail.com. Please let Pastor Taggatz know if you would like to be a lay delegate to our Circuit Forum on Sunday, October 23rd before our September 18th Voter's Meeting.

LUTHERAN HOUR - "Count the Cost" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus offers a gracious buyout, even as He speaks of counting the cost of following Him. (Luke 14:25-35) **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 13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Catechism: Ten Commandments—Fifth and Sixth Commandments

Verse of the week: Mark 10:6-8a, "From the beginning of the creation, God "made them male and female." 7 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, 8 and the two shall become one flesh"; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh."

Psalm of the week: Psalm 128

Hymn of the week: (LSB 701) "Draw Us to Thee" (stanzas 1-2)

Bible Readings for the Week:

Sunday— Jesus Heals the Deaf Mute—Mark 7:31-37

Monday— Do Not Worry about Your Life—Matthew 6:24-34

Tuesday— Cain Murders His Brother Abel—Genesis 4:1-12 (13-15)

Wednesday— The Parable of the Good Samaritan—Luke 10:25-37

Thursday— Joseph Flees from Adultery—Genesis 39:1-21 (22-23)

Friday— Jesus Is Tempted by the Devil—Matthew 4:1-11

Saturday—2 Chronicles 28:8-15

We all belong, first and foremost, to God. His creative and redemptive acts bring value and meaning to our lives. Because we belong to Him, He provides all we need. Our lives also belong to each other, and because we are connected through the body of Christ, we are not alone. We are necessary to each other as we serve through our vocations." *Michelle Bauman, director of Y4Life – 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.

**JESUS SENT HIS DISCIPLES INTO
THE WORLD AND NOW HE IS
SENDING US.**

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8).



Stewardship Minute— In the book of Acts, Luke wrote, “*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth*” (Acts 1:8). Through the Holy Spirit, we receive the strength that we need to fulfill the command to share the Gospel with all people. Through Jesus’ presence and strength, we are empowered to share with our families, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. We are tools in God’s hands to tell others of His life-changing and life-saving love. We are His instruments through whom He works, but Jesus is the One Who changes the hearts and minds of those in whom we plant the seeds. May God help us see the importance and urgency of our mission.

Growing In Grace August 25th & 28th, 2022

Offering

General Offering	\$1,382.25	Attendance	100
On-Line Giving	\$528.10	Communed	75
Missions	\$0.00		
Debt Fund	\$0.00		
Mortgage Offering	\$0.00		
Lutheran High	\$25.00		
Total	\$1,935.35		

Please note: In order to meet budget each week we need to receive \$6,586 in offerings. Thank you for your generosity and support of the ministries here at Grace. We could not do what we do without your prayers, volunteering of your time and talents, and financial support!!!

OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday	9/4	9:00 am	Divine Worship
Tuesday	9/6	7:00 am	Men’s Bible Study & Breakfast @ OC Diner
		6:30 pm	Stephen Ministry Meeting
Wednesday	9/7	6:30 pm	All Board’s Meeting
Thursday	9/8	6:30 pm	Divine Worship-Mites
Sunday	9/11	10:00 am	Christian Education Sunday-Mites
		11:30 am	Church Picnic

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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