

# Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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*Celebrate  
Teach  
Share*

## The 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 15<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022



*"By His Grace you are saved through faith."*

Ephesians 2:8



*Image: "My heart's delight, My crown most bright, O Christ, my joy forever. Not wealth nor pride Nor fortune's tide Our bonds of love shall sever. You are my Lord; Your precious Word Shall guide my way And help me stay Forever in Your presence." (LSB 557:4)*

# 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 "A Song of Praise"**

How do God's people respond to His grace-filled kindness to them? After listing the many blessings that God freely gives His people, Martin Luther writes in his response to the First Article of the Apostles' Creed, "*For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.*" Praising God is a sacred duty for His people. It is also a joyous duty. The Psalms are filled with exhortations to join in extensive and exuberant praise. Psalm 150 begins, "*Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary.*" That is what we do individually and together as both a duty and as a delight!

### **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 797

### Praise the Almighty (vs. 1-5)



1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!  
2 Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - tal;  
3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er  
4 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,  
△ 5 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and  
Earth - born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their  
Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -  
Par - don and peace from Him ob - tain; Ev - er the  
Of Him who does such won - drous things! All that has



an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as  
coun - sels at life's last por - tal, When the dark  
va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in  
wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful  
be - ing, to praise Him sole - ly, With hap - py



He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and  
grave en - gulfs its prey. Since mor - tals can no  
hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in  
God He will re - main. He helps His chil - dren  
heart its a - men sings. Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.  
 help af - ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.  
 Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.  
 in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther - less.  
 an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**Confession and Absolution**

LSB 151

*Stand*

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

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**
  
- P 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 119:137-140, 142; antiphon: v. 144, read responsively*)

Your testimonies are righteous for- | ever;\*  
**give me understanding that | I may live.**  
Righteous are you, | O LORD,\*  
**and right are your | just decrees.**  
You have appointed your testimonies in | righteousness\*  
**and in all | faithfulness.**  
My zeal con- | sumes me,\*  
**because my foes for- | get your words.**  
Your promise is | well tried,\*  
**and your servant | loves it.**  
Your righteousness is righteous for- | ever,\*  
**and your | law is true.**

**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.**

Your testimonies are righteous for- | ever;\*  
**give me understanding that | I may live.**

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 Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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 *Amos 8:4-7***

***(An exhortation to live justly)***

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, <sup>5</sup>saying, “When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, <sup>6</sup>that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?” <sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: “Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.”

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

**Psalm (Psalm 113; antiphon: v. 3, read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants | of the LORD,\*  
**praise the name | of the LORD!**

<sup>2</sup>Blessèd be the name | of the LORD\*  
**from this time forth and for- | evermore!**

<sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun to its | setting,\*  
**the name of the LORD is | to be praised!**

<sup>4</sup>The LORD is high above all | nations,\*  
**and his glory above the | heavens!**

<sup>5</sup>Who is like the | LORD our God,\*  
**who is seated | on high,**

<sup>6</sup>who looks | far down\*  
**on the heavens | and the earth?**

<sup>7</sup>He raises the poor | from the dust\*  
**and lifts the needy from the | ash heap,**

<sup>8</sup>to make them sit with | princes,\*  
**with the princes of his | people.**

<sup>9</sup>He gives the barren wom- | an a home,\*  
**making her the joyous mother  
of children. | Praise the LORD!**

**Epistle Lesson (1 Timothy 2:1-15)**

***(The Lord wants all people to be saved.)***

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was

appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

<sup>8</sup>I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; <sup>9</sup>likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, <sup>10</sup>but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. <sup>11</sup>Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. <sup>12</sup>I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. <sup>13</sup>For Adam was formed first, then Eve; <sup>14</sup>and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. <sup>15</sup>Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

*LSB 156*

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

**Alleluia Verse for the 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*“Alleluia. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all. Alleluia.” (1 Timothy 2:5-6a)*

**Holy Gospel Luke 16:1-15**

*(Jesus calls His disciples to make serving Him the priority.)*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ <sup>3</sup>And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.



<sup>10</sup>“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup>No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

<sup>14</sup>The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

### 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.

Sit

**Children's Message— "Day and Night" (Psalm 113)** *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 819**

**Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good (vs. 1-5)**



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -  
 2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, In mer - cy He is  
 3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy  
 4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho - sen gen - er -  
 5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, Give God the praise and



a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood  
 keep - ing. By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade  
 hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness  
 a - tion; He is their ref - uge and their rock,  
 glo - ry. Let all who know His pow'r pro - claim



Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our  
 His eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the king - dom  
 And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and  
 Their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's  
 A - loud the won - drous sto - ry. Cast ev - 'ry i - dol



souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:  
 of His might All things are just and good and right:  
 praise the Lord, Who is by one and all a - dored:  
 ten - der hand, He leads His own, His cho - sen band:  
 from its throne, For God is God, and He a - lone:



To God all praise and glo - ry!  
To God all praise and glo - ry!  
To God all praise and glo - ry!  
To God all praise and glo - ry!  
To God all praise and glo - ry!

## Sermon

“Singing Praise to God” (Psalm 113)

## 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](http://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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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 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:

636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness (vs. 1-4)



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the  
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with  
3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther  
4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's  
lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -  
cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts of  
this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.  
mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.  
heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.  
bound - less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:



Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed This a - maz - ing  
O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you  
Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the  
With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and  
there a - dore Him; Grant, Lord, that I now re -  
gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you  
us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.  
riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.  
la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!

852 O God of Mercy, God of Might (vs. 1-6)



1 O God of mer - cy, God of might, In love and  
 2 And Thou, who cam'st on earth to die That our lost  
 3 Teach us the les - son Thou hast taught: To feel for  
 4 All are re - deemed, both far and wide, Since Thou, O



pit - y in - fi - nite, Teach us, as ev - er  
 world might live there - by, O hear us; for to  
 those Thy blood hath bought, That ev - 'ry word and  
 Lord, for all hast died. Grant us the will and



in Thy sight, To live our lives in Thee.  
 Thee we cry, In hope, O Lord, to Thee.  
 deed and thought May work a work for Thee.  
 grace pro - vide To love them all in Thee!

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,  
 May we each other's burdens share;  
 May we, where help is needed, there  
 Give help as unto Thee!

6 And may Thy Holy Spirit move  
 All those who live in love  
 Till Thou shalt greet in heav'n above  
 All those who live in Thee.

*Stand*

**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 794

The Lord, My God, Be Praised (vs. 1-4)



- 1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heav - en;
- 2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heav - en,
- 3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heav - en,
- △ 4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ev - er - liv - ing,



My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en;  
 The Fa - ther's own dear Son, Whose life for me was giv - en,  
 The Spir - it, whom the Son In love to me has giv - en.  
 To whom the heav'n - ly host Their laud and praise are giv - ing.



My Fa - ther, who will shield And keep me day by day  
 Who for my sin a - toned With His most pre - cious blood  
 His grace re - vives my heart And gives my spir - it pow'r,  
 The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,



And make each mo - ment yield New bless - ings on my way.  
 And gives to me by faith The high - est heav'n - ly good.  
 Help, com - fort, and sup - port In sor - row's gloom - y hour.  
 God Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Ho - ly Ghost.



## Announcements

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!



### ✿ *Altar Flowers* ✿

Altar flowers this week are given by Tim & Christine Cooksy  
in celebration of their 10<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.  
Continued Blessings to you both!

### 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 8:00am</u>	<u>Sunday 10:30am</u>
<u>Elders</u>	Adam Voss	Mike Huber	Rick Weeks
<u>Readers</u>	Suzie Mirenda	Glenn Dotson	Beth Jackson
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Janine & Marlene	Janine & Marlene	Janine & Marlene
<u>Linens</u>	Gail Nowakowski	Gail Nowakowski	Gail Nowakowski
<u>Ushers</u>	Jim Robinson, Andrea Szefflinski, Tommy Szefflinski	Leah Abelt, Paige Vitek, Benjamin Tindall, Henry Tindall	Mike Huber, Eric Kamprath, Drew Salzer, Bob Olen

### 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); **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** (hospice) brother of Lori Kachelmeier; **Bob Morgan** (healing & strength); **Aaron Epps** (LC-MS Youth depressed & struggling); **Lynn Seeger** (heart issues) friend of Chris Evers; **Everett Vandermolten** (hospice) father of Jen Gettelman; **Sandra Mallas** (health, peace, comfort) Mother of Lynn Serdynski; **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; **Jim** (healing & strength) Suzie Miranda's relative; **Alberta Loomis** (recover from cataract surgery), **Amy** (recovering from surgery) Rob Morgan's wife; **Bill Sagan** (organ transplant) friend of Dena Guziewicz.

**For our Homebound Members at Grace:** Carol Loveall, Betty Lemmer (hospice), 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](mailto: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

**THANK YOU!!!** A Special thank you to everyone who came to our Church Picnic last week on Christian Education Sunday!!! Thank you to those who prepared the meal, served it, and who helped with the set-up and take down of the tables, chairs, and decorations. It truly was a great day of food, fun, and fellowship, even though it was raining throughout the day. Thank you again for your support of our Church, Christian Day School, and Early Childhood Center. We couldn't do this ministry without you!

**Ladies Bible Study**

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

### **Sunday School & Adult Bible Class**

Sunday School at Grace begins on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. It is for children preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://tinyurl.com/GraceOCSundaySchool)**

**There will be a Voters Meeting TODAY on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents**

Confirmation classes will begin Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. for public school students. The Confirmation Classes will be taking place in the church.



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](mailto:principal@graceoakcreek.org).

### **PRAYER LINE**

Pauline Parker is looking for more people to help with the Prayer Line. If you are interested please contact Pauline directly!

**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](mailto:sundayschool@graceoakcreek.org)

**Register your children for Sunday School by going here: [tinyurl.com/GraceOCSundaySchool](http://tinyurl.com/GraceOCSundaySchool)**

### **Rise & Sonshine Bible Study**

Saturday, September 24 ~ 8-9:30am ~ School Library

***Have a Mary Spirit by Joanna Weaver***

All ladies of Grace are WELCOME to join us as we study God's Word. Questions? Reach out to Jennifer Olen.

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](mailto: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.

**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!!!

**Worship Services at Willow Crest Nursing Home Volunteers Needed**--Grace Lutheran Church members have helped out with leading worship services at Willow Crest Nursing Home on Sunday mornings. We have started leading these worship services again and could use some volunteers to help out with this ministry. The worship services are roughly 30 minutes long and are held at 10:00am on Sundays at Willow Crest Nursing Home located at: 3821 Chicago Ave., South Milwaukee, WI 53172. You may end up leading a worship service at Willow Crest once a month, or every 5 to 6 weeks, depending on how many people are willing to volunteer in leading worship services at Willow Crest. We would also provide you with resources to help you lead worship services at Willow Crest, and if you would like to shadow someone to see how the worship services are conducted, we can show you how it is done. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jeanne Meyer at: [meyorch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:meyorch@sbcglobal.net) or 414-719-2257.

### **Volunteers Needed**

The Lutheran Education Association will be having their triennial convocation in Milwaukee this Fall. From October 6-8, over 2,000 teachers in Lutheran schools will gather under the theme "Together." To make this event a success, we depend on the support of hundreds of volunteers. We are in need of volunteers to assist with registration, greeters, and much more. We would be honored to have you help us with making this a memorable event. If you are interested in helping, please go to the SWD website events – [www.swd.lcms.org/LEA](http://www.swd.lcms.org/LEA) - to sign up for volunteer opportunities that are available to you. LEA will reimburse your parking expenses on the day(s) that you serve. More information on that will be relayed if you choose to volunteer. If you have general questions as it relates to volunteering at the convocation, please email Chris Cody, [cody@swd.lcms.org](mailto:cody@swd.lcms.org).

**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 18<sup>th</sup>. Our Circuit Forum will be taking place on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.lcms.org/convention). Pastor Koch can be reached at: [pastor.koch@gmail.com](mailto: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 23<sup>rd</sup> before our September 18<sup>th</sup> Voter's Meeting.

**LUTHERAN HOUR - "Fresh Start"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. What does the canning of a corrupt and incompetent accountant teach us about the undeserved mercy of God? Hear Jesus' Parable of the Shrewd Manager, this week on The Lutheran Hour. (Luke 16:9) **The Lutheran Hour can be heard any time on the internet at: [lhm.org](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Catechism:** Ten Commandments—Ninth and Tenth Commandments

**Verse of the week:** Matthew 6:33-34, *"Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."*

**Psalm of the week:** Psalm 119:33-40

**Hymn of the week:** (LSB 818) "In Thee Is Gladness" (stanza 1)

**Bible Readings for the Week:**

Sunday— The Cleansing of the Ten Lepers—Luke 17:11-19

Monday— Ahab Covets Naboth's Vineyard—1 Kings 21:1-16

Tuesday—The Fall of Man into Sin—Genesis 3:1-8

Wednesday—St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist—Matthew 9:9-13

Thursday— Confess Christ, Take Up Your Cross, Follow Him—Mt. 10:32-39

Friday— The Rich Young Ruler—Mark 10:17-31

Saturday—1 Kings 17:8-16

“To be authentic is to be vulnerable with others—and that may make us fearful. It might be messy, and that makes us uncomfortable. It takes time. Our reminder as we [the Church] seek to become a place of belonging is 1 Corinthians 12:18: ‘But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.’”  
*Mona Fuerstenau—A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)* Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. [www.word-of-hope.org](http://www.word-of-hope.org); 888-217-8679.

**Stewardship Minute**— King David wrote, “*My times are in Your hand...*” (Psalm 31:15). Are you using your time in wise and fruitful ways? Peter Drucker, a management consultant and author, said, “Time is the scarcest resource, and unless it is managed, nothing else can be managed.” Without goals and priorities, our schedules can be lost in the “rat race” of the day. If we do not plan wisely, we often find ourselves asking the question, “Where did the time go?” When our time is structured and organized, we will be in control of our time rather than time controlling us. If we use the minutes and hours wisely, the months and years will take care of themselves. The choices we make with time produce the consequences of our lives.

**STEWARDS ARE TO PROTECT AND  
EXPAND FAITHFULLY THE ASSETS  
THAT GOD ENTRUSTS TO THEM.**

“One who is faithful in very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much” (Luke 16:10).



## Growing In Grace September 8<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### Offering

General Offering	\$2,988.00	<b>Attendance</b>	160
On-Line Giving	\$3,142.38	<b>Communed</b>	96
Missions	\$40.00		
Debt Fund	\$0.00		
Mortgage Offering	\$65.00		
Lutheran High	\$0.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,235.38</b>		

**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	9/18	<b>8:00 am</b> 9:15 am 9:15 am <b>10:30 am</b> 11:30 am	<b>Divine Worship</b> Adult Bible Study Sunday School <b>Divine Worship</b> Voter's Meeting
Monday	9/19	6:30 pm 6:30 pm	Confirmation Class Grief Share Group
Tuesday	9/20	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
Wednesday	9/21	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
Thursday	9/22	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Divine Worship-LWML Sunday</b>
Saturday	9/24	8:00 am	Rise & Sonshine Bible Study
Sunday	9/25	<b>8:00 am</b> 9:15 am <b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship-LWML Sunday</b> Adult Bible Study <b>Divine Worship-LWML Sunday</b>

## 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.

Pastor	Rev. John M. Taggatz	414-762-8990 (O) 715-467-1231 (Cell) 262-664-4365 (Home) <a href="http://thewordendures.blogspot.com">thewordendures.blogspot.com</a>
Principal	Mr. Steve Gettelman	414-762-3655
ECC Director	Mrs. Rachel Miliacca	414-762-8755
Director of Music	Mrs. Lisa Hengst	
Congregation President	Mr. Duane Meyer	414-840-1873
Fax:	Church/School ECC	414-762-8869 414-856-9262

Pastor	Rev. John Taggatz	<a href="mailto:pastor@graceoakcreek.org">pastor@graceoakcreek.org</a>
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