

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

Oak Creek, Wisconsin
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*Celebrate
Teach
Share*

Christian Education Sunday

September 8th & 11th, 2022

"By His Grace you are saved through faith."

Ephesians 2:8



Image: "Let the children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God." (Luke 18:16)

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 "Why Children?"

Lutheran education began in response to some disappointing survey results. It was 1528; the Reformation had been going on for eleven years. Martin Luther was a university professor and wanted to learn how well the teachings of grace alone, faith alone, and Scripture alone had been absorbed into the local congregations. So he sent out visitors to the parishes in his German state, Saxony. The survey results prompted the writing of what we know today as Luther's Small Catechism. He was blunt and candid in his preface to the Catechism about what the visitors discovered: *The deplorable, miserable conditions which I recently observed when visiting the parishes have constrained and pressed me to put this catechism of Christian doctrine into this brief, plain, and simple form. How pitiable, so help me God, were the things I saw: the common man, especially in the villages, knows practically nothing of Christian doctrine, and many of the pastors are almost entirely incompetent and unable to teach. Yet all the people are supposed to be Christians, have been baptized, and receive the Holy Sacrament even though they do not know the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, or the Ten Commandments and live like poor animals of the barnyard and pigpen. What these people have mastered, however, is the fine art of tearing all Christian liberty to shreds.* (Luther's Small Catechism, © 1986 Concordia Publishing House). The need for faithful Lutheran education has not diminished. Today, we celebrate the blessings God has given us through Lutheran education, and we ask Him for His continued providence on our schools and teaching.

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: *As outlined in the bulletin*

✕ PREPARATION ✕

OPENING HYMN 740

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb (vs. 1-3, Thursday night only)



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

Grace Lutheran School Choir—"House of the Lord" (Sunday only)

(Please note: After the students sing, they are dismissed to sit back with their parents after the song)

Stand

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Matthew 18:3-4*

Pastor: Jesus teaches us: "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In faith and in God's fear, let us come before God's throne of grace, confessing our sins, and trusting in His forgiveness and restoration.

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

Pastor: Merciful Father,

People: we confess that we are not the children You created us to be. Our sin has separated us from You and marked us on the path of death and destruction. We confess that we are sinful by nature and that we have added to this sin by our thoughts, words, and actions that break Your Law. Trusting in the forgiveness Jesus won for us on the cross, we come before You to beg Your mercy and to restore Your fallen children. Forgive us our sins and create in us new hearts that we may love You with our whole heart and in obedience follow You all the days of our lives. Amen.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT (Psalm 127; *antiphon: v. 3a, read responsively*)

Pastor: Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD. Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

People: Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

Pastor: It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil;

People: for He gives to His beloved sleep.

Pastor: Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,

People: the fruit of the womb a reward.

Pastor: Like arrows in the hand of a warrior

People: are the children of one's youth.

Pastor: Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!

People: He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Lord Jesus Christ, You have entrusted to Your people the task of teaching all nations. Enlighten with the wisdom of Your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn that the joyous truth of the Gospel may be known in every generation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

BLESSING OF BIBLES *(the Bibles are generously provided from the Grace Lutheran Matt Meyer memorial fund)*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The Lord God, by His Holy Spirit, has caused all Holy Scripture to be “written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.” Such learning takes place when we hear “the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.” It is fitting that these Bibles be sanctified by the Word of God and prayer. (Romans 15:4, Luke 8:15)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 124:8)

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, You have given us Your holy Word to be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. We implore You to bless these Bibles. Enlighten the hearts and minds of those who read them, and open the ears of all who hear the Gospel proclaimed from them, that by Your Spirit they may earnestly hold fast to Him who is the way, the truth, and the life, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May the Lord Almighty, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless these Bibles.

People: Amen.

THE REDEDICATION OF OUR GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL & ECC TEACHERS AND STAFF AND GRACE LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS (SUNDAY ONLY)

Pastor: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, you are to be re-dedicated as *[name of position(s)]* at *[name of congregation]*, a work in which our Father in heaven has great joy. Hear the Word of the Lord:

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.” (Deuteronomy 6:4-7)

Beloved in the Lord, you are to assist me, the minister of Word and Sacrament, in the instruction of God’s people according to His holy Word. You are to prepare yourselves for this work by your individual and corporate study of the Word of God and the faith drawn from it as it has been delivered to us in the Small Catechism. While holiness of life and obedience to Christ are expected of all members of the congregation, it is especially important that you show yourselves, by word and example, to be faithful to Him in service and Christian devotion.

In the presence of God and of this congregation, I therefore ask you: Do you accept the position entrusted to you, and do you promise faithfully to carry out your duties, trusting in the Lord and conforming yourself to His Word in accordance with the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church? If so, then answer: I do.

Teachers: I do.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, you have heard the promises of faithfulness Spoken by these men and women. Do you promise to support them in Their work, to remember them in your prayers, and to work with them to the best of the abilities that God has given you, so that He may be glorified and His work be done in our midst? If so, then answer: We do.

People: We do.

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, I re-dedicate you as *[name of position(s)]* at *[name of congregation]* in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PROMISES OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Pastor: Now, then, all you who are parents: Will you promise to raise your children in the fear and admonition of the Lord? Will you focus on Christ as the heart of your teaching? Will you set yourselves as examples of Christian living for your family and all you meet in daily living? If so, then answer: We will, by the grace of God.

Parents: We will, by the grace of God.

Pastor: And how about you children? Will you promise to listen to your parents, learning from them, and obey them, helping wherever you can? Will you focus on Christ as the heart of your learning? Will you set yourselves as examples of Christian living for your family and all you meet in daily living? If so, then answer: We will, by the grace of God.

Children: We will, by the grace of God.

Pastor: Finally, I ask all of you: Will you study the Word of God when you have opportunity, here in church and with your families or friends? Will you endeavor to share the faith in your hearts, teaching others by word and example? Will you seek to exhibit Christ as the heart of your living? If so, then answer: We will, by the grace of God.

People: We will, by the grace of God.

Pastor: The almighty and most merciful God enlighten and strengthen you in your service that you may be good and faithful leaders and teachers in this congregation, and as teachers and learners in your daily living, to the glory of His name and the salvation of His people.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 6:4-15*
(Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one.)

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

“And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build, and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full, then take care lest you forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. It is the LORD your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear. You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you, for the LORD your God in your midst is a jealous God, lest the anger of the LORD your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM (*Psalm 119:129-136; antiphon: v. 105, read responsively*)

Your word is a lamp | to my feet*

and a light | to my path.

Your testimonies are | wonderful;*

therefore my soul | keeps them.

The unfolding of Your | words gives light;*

it imparts understanding to the | simple.

I open my | mouth and pant,*

because I long for Your com- | mandments.

Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*

as is Your way with those who | love Your name.

Keep steady my steps according to Your | promise,*

and let no iniquity get dominion | over me.

Redeem me from man's op- | pression,*

that I may keep Your | precepts.

Make Your face shine upon Your | servant,*

and teach me Your | statutes.

My eyes shed | streams of tears,*

because people do not | keep Your law.

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 word is a lamp | to my feet*

and a light | to my path.

EPISTLE LESSON *Acts 2:37-41*

(Repent and be baptized, every one of you.)

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA VERSE *Matthew 22:37-40*

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 18:15-17*

(Let the little children come to Me.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CATECHISM *The Table of Duties from Luther’s Small Catechism*

Pastor: What do children owe to their parents?

People: Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” *(Ephesians 6:1-3)*

Pastor: What do parents owe to their children?

People: Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. *(Ephesians 6:4)*

NICENE CREED

**ALL: 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—“The Fear of the Lord” (Proverbs 9:8-12) *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)*

Children’s Message Text: Proverbs 9:8-12

Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you. Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight. For by me your days will be multiplied, and years will be added to your life. If you are wise, you are wise for yourself; if you scoff, you alone will bear it.

SERMON HYMN 864

Shepherd of Tender Youth (vs. 1-5)



1	Shep - herd	of	ten - der	youth,	Guid - ing	in
2	You are	the	ho - ly	Lord,	O all - sub -	
3	You are	the	great	High	Priest;	You have pre -
4	O ev - er	be	our	guide,	Our shep - herd,	
5	So now,	and	till	we	die,	Sound we Your



love and truth Through de - vious ways; Christ, our tri -
 du - ing Word, Heal - er of strife. Your - self You
 pared the feast Of ho - ly love; And in our
 and our pride, Our staff and song. Je - sus, O
 prais - es high And joy - ful sing: In - fants and



um - phant king, We come Your name to sing
 did a - base That from sin's deep dis - grace
 mor - tal pain None calls on You in vain;
 Christ of God, By Your en - dur - ing Word
 all the throng, Who to the Church be - long,



And here our chil - dren bring To join Your praise.
 You so might save our race And give us life.
 Our plea do not dis - dain; Help from a - bove.
 Lead us where You have trod; Make our faith strong.
 U - nite to swell the song To Christ, our king!

SERMON “Who’s Your Teacher?”

(Deuteronomy 6:4-15)

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 ✠

ADMONITION TO COMMUNICANTS

Pastor: I exhort you in Christ that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the words with which Christ presents His body and blood to us for forgiveness; that you take note of and give thanks for the boundless love that He showed us when He saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood; and that you externally receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in His name, according to His command, and with His own words administer and receive the Testament. *(From Lutheran Worship copyright © 1982 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission).*

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: 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

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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.

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

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

People: 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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD *(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)*

Pastor: 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."

AGNUS DEI

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

725 Children of the Heavenly Father (vs. 1-4)



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His

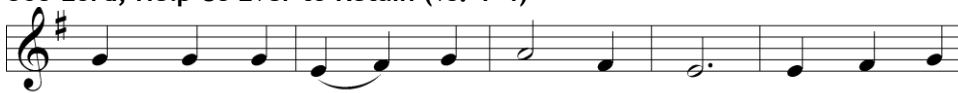


in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

865 Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain (vs. 1-4)



1 Lord, help us ev - er to re - tain The Cat - e -
 2 Help us Your ho - ly Law to learn, To mourn our
 3 Hear us, dear Fa - ther, when we pray For need - ed
 4 Lord, when we fall or go a - stray, Ab - solve and



chism's ——— doc - trine plain As Lu - ther taught the
 sin and from it turn In faith to You and
 help from day to day That as Your chil - dren
 lift us up, we pray; And through the Sac - ra -



Word of truth In sim - ple style to ten - der youth.
 to Your Son And Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One.
 we may live, Whom You bap - tized and so re - ceived.
 ment in - crease Our faith till we de - part in peace.

Stand

Thank the Lord

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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 THANKSGIVING

Pastor: For the unseen mercy of God that has been revealed to us,
People: we give You thanks, O God.

Pastor: For those who have revealed the Lord's truth by teaching us His Word,
People: we give You thanks, O God.

Pastor: For the forgiveness of our sins and the gift of eternal life,
People: we give You thanks, O God. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

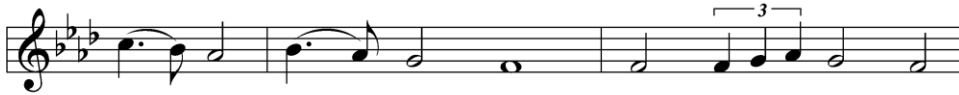
Sit

CLOSING HYMN 578

Thy Strong Word (vs. 1-3)



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
night and deep as death, Broke the light of
Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.



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



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

Announcements

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!



✿Altar Flowers✿

Altar flowers this week are given by Bob & Joanne Morgan
 in celebration of their 58th 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 10:00am</u>
<u>Elders</u>	Lance Kopperud	Derek Poellet
<u>Readers</u>	Pastor Taggatz	Cris Evers
<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, Bob Olen

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 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 Mirenda's relative; **Alberta Loomis** (recover from cataract surgery), **Amy** (recovering from surgery) Rob Morgan's wife.

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

Peer Recognition

Honoring our staff for their Anniversaries of Service

- Pastor John M. Taggatz, 15 years
- Roxanne M. Taggatz, 15 years

New Members

Thanks be to God for the new members we have received at Grace this past year!!! Lacey, Jeff, John, Tere, Mark & Connie, Lauren, Jessica & Aaron, Teri & Michael, Patricia and Brad, Rose, Jason & Beth Stephen & Julie, Bob & Dawn.

2022 Confirmation Students:

Evie G., Madilyn H., Madeline K., Dachs P., Andrea S., Tommy S., Ben T., Payton W.

Christian Education Sunday and Church Picnic at Grace Lutheran School!!! Please join us for our church picnic TODAY. 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 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!!!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

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

- 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.

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!

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!!!

Adult Membership Class at Grace Oak Creek–"God Connects" -We are forming a new adult membership class. It will be a one-day course on Saturday, Sept. 17th from 9am-1:00pm at Grace Lutheran School. Whether you have questions about Christ or want to deepen your faith in Him, this class will explore what the Bible says about our God, and how His love gives direction and meaning to your life today and forever. This class is designed for those who are interested in learning or reviewing the foundations of the Christian faith. Attendance at the class leads to membership in our church, but there are no obligations. Please let us know if you need child-care to attend this new members class. Watch an introductory video at: www.lhm.org/GodConnects. Call the Church Office or email us at: church@graceoakcreek.org if you know someone who is interested in joining membership at Grace.

Grace Ladies Guild

Saturday-September 17-10am-11:30am

At school

We are BACK!

Join us as we start an exciting year of Guild!

Lots of activities are planned.

Our first is Project Prayer!

All ladies of Grace are WELCOME!!!

Any questions? Please reach out to Jennifer Olen.



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.

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

Register your children for Sunday School by going here:

tinyurl.com/GraceOCSundaySchool

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



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.

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.

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!!!

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 - 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.

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 - "Lost and Found" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. When Jesus told stories about lost sheep and lost coins, He was really talking about lost people. (Luke 15:1-10) 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 14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Catechism: Ten Commandments—Seventh and Eighth Commandments

Verse of the week: Matthew 5:37, “Let your “Yes” be “Yes,” and your “No,” “No.” For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.”

Psalm of the week: Psalm 37

Hymn of the week: (LSB 812) “Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs” (stanzas 1-2)

Bible Readings for the Week:

Sunday— The Good Samaritan—Luke 10:23-37

Monday— Abram Gives Lot the Choice of the Land—Gen. 13:1-12 (13-18)

Tuesday— Jesus Comes to Zacchaeus’s House—Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday— Holy Cross Day: John 12:20-33

Thursday— Bless Those Who Curse—Matthew 5:33-45

Friday— Jesus Prays for His Enemies—Luke 23:33-43

Saturday— Proverbs 4:10-23

“A Christian funeral isn’t the end. Yes, we don’t deny death. That would be foolish and insensitive. But in Christ, we defy death. That’s Christian. Because the dead don’t stay down when Jesus is involved. They are saints triumphant! Encourage one another with these words.” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – 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— By nature, we are selfish people. At an early age, we voice our selfishness with the word “Mine!” Unfortunately, this selfish attitude often carries forward into our adult years. Because of our selfishness, we look at life in terms of our money, our things, and our achievements. We focus on ourselves and give little thought to those around us. By God’s grace, we are transformed in our thinking. By the working of the Holy Spirit, appropriated to us through Word and Sacrament, God can remove our selfishness. God’s Word encourages us to be generous. Only God is capable of motivating us to give generously and cheerfully.

**LOVE IS NOT LOVE UNLESS
IT MOVES US TO ACT.**

“But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him?” (1 John 3:17).



Growing In Grace September 1st & 4th, 2022

Offering

General Offering	2,495.35	Attendance	106
On-Line Giving	\$724.07	Communed	93
Missions	\$0.00		
Debt Fund	\$0.00		
Mortgage Offering	\$1,000.00		
Lutheran High	\$0.00		
Total	\$4,219.32		

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	9/11	10:00 am	Christian Education Sunday-MITES
		11:30 am	Church Picnic
Monday	9/12	6:30 pm	Confirmation Meeting
		6:30 pm	Grief Share Group
Tuesday	9/13	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast @ OC Diner
		6:00 pm	Craft Night
Wednesday	9/14	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
		6:30 pm	Council Meeting
Thursday	9/15	6:30 pm	Divine Worship
Saturday	9/17	10:00 am	Ladies Guild
Sunday	9/18	8:00 am	Divine Worship
		9:15 am	Sunday School
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Study
		10:30 am	Divine Worship
		11:30 am	Voter's Meeting

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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