

# Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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*Celebrate  
Teach  
Share*

## LWML Sunday

September 22<sup>nd</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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



Ephesians 2:8



**Image:** "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us." (Romans 8:31-34)

# 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 “For Us and With Us”**

*“For Us and With Us,”* is the theme for LWML Sunday 2022 and is based on Paul's letter to the Romans. Paul tells us that each of us has faced challenges and circumstances greater than our own strength (Romans 8:31-39). But, in Christ, who is for us and with us, we are already more than conquerors through Him who loved us. This celebratory LWML Sunday will encourage all hearers of the victory, which is already ours through Baptism, so we might live each day confidently trusting in Christ. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman's identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ. As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

## **We invite a moment of silence during the prelude for Prayer**

As our organist begins the prelude we move from our regular conversations and the happenings of the world around us in order to turn our attention to worship. **Please take these moments as an opportunity to focus on prayer.** Make use of this time to look through our service in anticipation of the scripture we will share and the hymns we will sing. God richly bless us as we gather in God's presence today! We hope you will take these moments as a time to transition into worship as we have entered into God's presence through Word and Sacrament.

# Order of Service: *Divine Service Setting 4, pg. 203*

## ✕ PREPARATION ✕

Opening Hymn 912

Christ Is Our Cornerstone (vs. 1-3)



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;  
2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,  
△ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His  
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til  
Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.  
that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.  
pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

*Stand*

### Confession and Absolution

LSB 203

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

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## ✠ WORD ✠

**Entrance Psalm** (*Psalm 100, read responsively*)

<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth!\*

<sup>2</sup>**Serve the LORD with gladness!**

**Come into his presence with | singing!**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD, | he is God!\*

**It is he who made us, and we are his;**

**we are his people, and the sheep of his | pasture.**

<sup>4</sup>Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his | courts with praise!\*

**Give thanks to him; | bless his name!**

<sup>5</sup>For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures for- | ever,\*

**and his faithfulness to all gener- | ations.**

**Kyrie**

*LSB 204*

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

Hymn of Praise 803

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (vs. 1-3)



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,  
 Δ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove.  
 Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.  
 Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean-depth of hap-py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a-way.  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di-vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
 Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
 Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy-ful, we by grace are Thine!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 205

P The Lord be with you.  
 C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God, You did not spare Your own Son but gave Him up for us all. Grant that by faith we may trust in Your promises and live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

C Amen.

Sit

**Rite of Holy Baptism (Sunday 10:30am Service only, LSB pg. 268)**—We rejoice in the baptism of *Lincoln Eugene Heinen*, son of *Ben & Rita Heinen*, on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!!!

## Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 6:1-8*

### *(Isaiah's vision of the Lord and his commission from the Lord)*

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

<sup>4</sup>And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup>And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

<sup>8</sup>And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm** (*Psalm 90:1-4, 10-12, read responsively*)

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our | dwelling place\*  
**in all gener- | ations.**

<sup>2</sup>Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth | and the world,\*  
**from everlasting to everlasting | you are God.**

<sup>3</sup>You return | man to dust\*  
**and say, “Return, O chil- | dren of man!”**

<sup>4</sup>For a thousand years in your sight  
are but as yesterday when | it is past,\*  
**or as a watch | in the night.**

<sup>10</sup>The years of our life are seventy,  
or even by reason of strength | eighty;\*  
**yet their span is but toil and trouble;  
they are soon gone, and we | fly away.**

<sup>11</sup>Who considers the power of your | anger,\*  
**and your wrath according to the | fear of you?**

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number | our days\*  
**that we may get a heart of | wisdom.**

## Epistle Lesson *Romans 8:31-39*

### *(God's everlasting love)*

<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

*Stand*

### **Alleluia and Verse**

*LSB 205*

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

### **Holy Gospel *Luke 12:35-40***

#### *(Jesus says we must be ready for when He comes on the Last Day)*

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

<sup>35</sup>[Jesus said:] “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup>and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! <sup>39</sup>But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

LSB 206

C I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

**Children’s Message “For Us and With Us” (Romans 8:31-39)** *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 594 God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It (vs. 1-4)**



1 God’s own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized  
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized  
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized  
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:  
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,  
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth’s  
 Je - sus’ cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y  
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the  
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth  
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism  
 font I’ve trav - eled, All your might has  
 dust and ash - es Faith’s as - sur - ance



more than an - y That brought me sal -  
 did re - lease me In a dear for -  
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your  
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?  
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.

**Sermon**

**“For Us and With Us” (Romans 8:31-39)**

**LWML Pledge**

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

**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 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

LSB 208

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 209

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

- C Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 209

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

LSB 209

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 210

- C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
- 2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Sit*

## Distribution

### We celebrate the Lord's Supper

Members of our sister LC-MS congregations are invited to join us for communion. Guests to our Lutheran Church are invited to first speak with Pastor before joining at our Lord's Table. We hope you will learn more about us as we gather to "Celebrate, Teach, and Confess" the Good News of God's Grace!

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION PRACTICE**—We are offering altar/rail communion as our communion practice. While you are at the altar, please let us know if you would like to receive the Common Cup. Individual communion cups are also available to you. You also have the option to kneel or remain standing during altar/rail communion. Gluten Free communion wafers are also available upon request.

### Distribution Hymns:

#### 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.

## 728 How Firm a Foundation (vs. 1-5)



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,  
 5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;  
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.  
 My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,  
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!  
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
 Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant  
 Depart in heav'nly peace,  
 For I have seen the glory  
 Of Your redeeming grace:  
 A light to lead the Gentiles  
 Unto Your holy hill,  
 The glory of Your people,  
 Your chosen Israel.

2 All glory to the Father,  
 All glory to the Son,  
 All glory to the Spirit,  
 Forever Three in One;  
 For as in the beginning,  
 Is now, shall ever be,  
 God's triune name resounding  
 Through all eternity.

## Post-Communion Collect

LSB 212

- A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

## Benedicamus

LSB 212

- A Let us bless the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

## Benediction

LSB 212

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn “Serve the Lord with Gladness” (Tune: *LSB 662 vs. 1-3*)

1 “Serve the Lord with gladness!”

It is He alone  
Who redeemed us sinners,  
Guides us as His own  
To enjoy the blessings  
Of His love and grace,  
Will at last in glory  
Meet us face to face.  
Onward, then, for Jesus!  
Let this be our aim:  
“Serve the Lord with gladness!”  
Glorify His name.

3 “Serve the Lord with gladness!”

There’s no greater joy  
Than to serve the Master,  
Work in His employ.  
As we build His kingdom  
Angels, too, rejoice  
Over every sinner  
Brought to hear His voice.  
Onward, then, for Jesus!  
Let this be our aim:  
“Serve the Lord with gladness!”  
Glorify His name!

2 “Serve the Lord with gladness!”

He gave us command  
To proclaim His Gospel  
Now in every land  
So that fellow sinners  
May, like us, be blest.  
Leading them to Jesus,  
We can serve Him best.  
Onward, then, for Jesus!  
Let this be our aim:  
“Serve the Lord with gladness!”  
Glorify His name!

--Written by Prof. Ernest Lewerenz

## Announcements

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!



### ✿ *Altar Flowers* ✿

Altar flowers this week are given by Leah Abelt  
in celebration of Larry Abelt'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 8:00am</u>	<u>Sunday 10:30am</u>
<u>Elders</u>	Lance Kopperud	Richard Jackson	Brandon Dachel
<u>Readers</u>	Pastor Taggatz	Erica Vitek	Lisa Kamprath
<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; **Aaron Epps** (LC-MS Youth depressed & struggling); **Lynn Seeger** (heart issues) friend of Chris Evers; **Everett Vandermolen** (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; **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; **Bill Sagan** (organ transplant) friend of Dena Guziewicz; **Lisa Lampshire** (organ transplants) friend of Dena Guziewicz; **Joe Beiler's stepfather** (healing & strength); **Phyllis Schmidt** (heart issues) friend of Virginia Schmeiser; **Dennis** (healing & strength) Joanne Morgan's brother, **Barb** (hospitalized) relative of Janine Pieper, **Gilbert Kahle** (knee surgery) former parishioner of Pastor Taggatz.

**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.

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!** We thank the Lord that on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, *Lincoln Eugene Heinen*, son of *Ben & Rita Heinen*, (Rita is our 3-4 grade teacher here at Grace) is baptized into the Christian faith through both water and the power of God's Word in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism here at Grace! We praise the Lord that *Lincoln's* name is written in God's book of life!!!

**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

### **Sunday School**

Sunday School will be taking place at Grace Lutheran School from 9:15-10:15am on Sunday mornings. **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)

**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)

**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).

### **Choir at Grace**

If you have a spirit of praise and a song in your heart, the Grace Lutheran Church choir is looking for you! Rehearsals will start again on Thursday, October 13 immediately following the 6:30pm worship service.

### **Just a Cup of Coffee...next week Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> ~ 7:30am**

Hillside Coffee Shop ~ 237 E. Ryan Rd., Oak Creek

Ladies pop in for a little fellowship time before you head off to the rest of the day!

No agenda...simply stop by and stay as long as you like.

See you there! ~Jennifer Olen

**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!!!

**Adult Bible Class in the School Library on Sundays 9:15am-10:15am. Our topic for the next few weeks is: “Lutheran Doctrine and Practice Today: A Study Based on Scripture and the Augsburg Confession.”** The Augsburg Confession is just as relevant to the life of the Church today as it was during sixteenth century Reformation. In *Lutheran Doctrine and Practice Today*, each of the 15 lessons explore a topical area that's an excellent basis for group discussion about difficult topics such as these:

- Biblical marriage and the civil government
- How to approach church fellowship with all Christians
- The important roles of clergy and laity, according to Scripture
- Reformation heresies we still see in the Church today
- Persecution and terrorism

Pastors and Bible study leaders who desire to help their members understand the Confessions in a current context will appreciate how this study uses detailed twenty-first century scenarios to bridge the gap between eras. This study is based on *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, Second Edition*. Join us!!!

**All Saints Day**—Any members who would like to recognize those of the Christian faith who have fallen asleep in Jesus this last year from November 2021 to the present, please let our church office know by Monday, October 24th. We will be remembering the saints who have gone to heaven in a special All Saints Day worship service on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

### **PRAYER LINE**

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

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.

**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).

## STEWARDS LIVING A GOD-PLEASING LIFE

### Grace Lutheran Oak Creek Stewardship Emphasis for the month of October

As Christians, we are stewards or managers of all the gifts God has given us. This is quite a task, a task, frankly, that we, on our own, are incapable of carrying out. Yet we don't have a choice; all Christians are called to be stewards. We are not left on our own, though. The God Who calls us equips us as well. *"May the God of peace . . . equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen"* (Hebrews 13:20, 21).

**Faith is the foundation** of our stewardship. It is only through faith that we can please God, and it is only by faith in Christ's mighty power within us that we are able to do the works God has prepared for us to do.

If we are to be **stewards living a God-pleasing life**, we must follow the **path of discipleship** that Jesus lays out before us. We are called to serve, even as Jesus Himself *"did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many"* (Matthew 20:28).

God-pleasing stewards give generously, even as their Master, Jesus, gave all He had, His very life. **Generosity was the hallmark** of the early Christians who *"shared everything they had . . . There were no needy persons among them"* (Acts 4:32, 34). Out of thankfulness to our giving God, Who gives so generously, we, along with our spiritual forefathers, respond to the needs of others, giving to them as unto the Lord (Matthew 25:40).

During the month of October we will spend three Sundays learning and growing and becoming **stewards living a God-pleasing life**. It is my hope and prayer that you will attend the worship services for this very important, educational, and enriching program. This stewardship emphasis will include a time, talents, and treasurers survey and a chance for our members to consider how God has blessed them in order to give for the upcoming church year of 2023...I am looking to do this stewardship emphasis Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>....

**LUTHERAN HOUR - "Take This Personally"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus wants us to take His Word seriously, not as a personal attack but as a word of warning—and promise. (Luke 16:19-31) **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 16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Catechism:** Ten Commandments—Review and The Close of the Commandments

**Verse of the week:** James 2:10, *"Whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all."*

**Psalm of the week:** Psalm 14

**Hymn of the week:** (LSB 716) "I Walk in Danger All the Way" (st. 1, 4-5)

**Bible Readings for the Week:**

Sunday—"No One Can Serve Two Masters"—Matt. 6:24-34

Monday— God's Law Threatens and Accuses—Ex. 20:1-6, 18-21; 31:18

Tuesday—The Worship of the Golden Calf—Exodus 32:1-14

Wednesday—God's Wrath Is Poured Out upon Idol Worshipers—Ex. 32:15-35

Thursday— St. Michael: "Angels See My Father's Face"—Matthew 18:1-11

Friday—Jesus Takes the Place of the Guilty—Luke 23:13-25

Saturday—Genesis 28:10-17

"Every time we speak up for the sanctity of life, whether for the unborn, the disabled, the elderly, or the marginalized, we speak for hope. Every time we drop some coins or a check into a baby bottle, we stand for hope and healing and life. Every time we personally care for someone or hug someone or talk to someone who is in a crisis pregnancy or is disabled or is elderly or is marginalized, we show them Christ. We show them the common ground that transcends all our differences. We show them that all our lives matter because God made us. He chose each of us to be His child, and He will never leave us or forsake us. Let us never give up on baby bottle drives and hugs and smiles. The world needs us!" *Barbara A. Geistfeld, D.V.M., Lutherans For Life regional director of Texas - 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**— In spite of our unworthiness, God has chosen us in Christ to become His stewards. *“You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit...”* (John 15:16). God appoints us, His stewards, to bear fruit. By our own reason or strength, we are unable to be faithful in our stewardship, but, through the Holy Spirit working within us through Word and Sacrament, we can be faithful stewards. It is our connection to Christ which makes us God-pleasing stewards. As the Apostle Paul wrote, *“I can do all things through Him Who strengthens me”* (Philippians 4:13). God equips us to do whatever He calls us to do.

**AS PEOPLE CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD, WE ARE GIVEN RESPONSIBILITIES IN AND OVER CREATION.** “And God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth’ ” (Genesis 1:28).

**Growing In Grace  
September 15<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Offering**

General Offering	\$3,036.25	<b>Attendance</b>	146
On-Line Giving	\$1,217.64	<b>Communed</b>	94
Missions	\$0.00		
Debt Fund	\$0.00		
Mortgage Offering	\$25.00		
Lutheran High	\$0.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,278.89</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	9/25	<b>8:00 am</b> 9:15 am	<b>Divine Worship-LWML Sunday</b> Adult Bible Study
Monday	9/26	<b>10:30 am</b> 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	<b>Divine Worship-LWML Sunday</b> Confirmation Class Grief Share Group
Tuesday	9/27	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
Thursday	9/29	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Divine Worship</b>
Sunday	10/2	<b>8:00 am</b> 9:15 am 9:15 am <b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship</b> Adult Bible Study Sunday School <b>Divine Worship</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.

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Director of Music	Mrs. Lisa Hengst	
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