

# Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

Oak Creek, Wisconsin  
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*Celebrate  
Teach  
Share*

## Stewardship Emphasis 1

September 29<sup>th</sup> & October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022



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

Ephesians 2:8

## *"Faith Is the Foundation"*



**Image:** *"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation... And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him" (Hebrews 11:1-2, 6)*

# 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 "Faith is the Foundation"*

**FAITH IS THE FOUNDATION** is the theme this week as we focus on STEWARDS LIVING A GOD-PLEASING LIFE. *"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him"* (Hebrews 11:6). Through faith, we can become the God-pleasing stewards that He wants us to be. Stewardship expresses our faith. Don't miss next week when we will discuss discipleship as the path for stewards living a God-pleasing life. Remember Commitment Sunday is on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

### **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 901

### Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty (vs. 1-5)



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me  
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so  
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is  
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy  
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty  
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,  
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,  
gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;  
done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed  
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O  
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I  
May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing  
While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!  
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!  
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.  
foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

*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 ✠

**Introit** (*Psalm 119:162, 164-165, 167; antiphon: v. 166, read responsively*)

I hope for your salvation, | O LORD,\*  
**and I do your com- | mandments.**

I rejoice | at your word\*  
**like one who | finds great spoil.**

Seven times a day I | praise you\*  
**for your just and righ- | teous decrees.**

Great peace have those who | love your law;\*  
**nothing can make them | stumble.**

My soul keeps your testi- | monies;\*  
**I love them ex- | ceedingly.**

**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.**

I hope for your salvation, | O LORD,\*  
**and I do your com- | mandments.**

Kyrie

LSB 204

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

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

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

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

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

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, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; 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 *Genesis 22:1-14*

### *(The testing of Abraham's faith)*

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>2</sup>He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>12</sup>He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### *Gradual (Psalm 91:11; 103:1, read responsively)*

He will command his angels con- | cerning you\*

**to guard you in | all your ways.**

Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*

**and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!**

### *Epistle Lesson Hebrews 11:6-19*

#### *(Without faith it is impossible to please God)*

<sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his

household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

<sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

<sup>17</sup>By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, <sup>18</sup>of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." <sup>19</sup>He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

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 *Matthew 9:18-26***

***(Jesus shows the power of God given faith)***

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

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

<sup>18</sup>While [Jesus] was saying these things to them, behold, a ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." <sup>19</sup>And Jesus rose and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup>And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, <sup>21</sup>for she said to herself, "If I only touch his garment, I will be made well." <sup>22</sup>Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. <sup>23</sup>And when Jesus came to the ruler's house and saw the

flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup>he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup>But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. <sup>26</sup>And the report of this went through all that district.

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.



Children’s Message “Faith Is the Foundation: The Prize” (Hebrews 11:1-2, 6) *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 732

All Depends on Our Possessing (vs. 1-4, 6)



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God’s a - bun - dant  
2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y  
3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles  
4 When with sor - row I am strick - en, Hope a - new my  
6 If my days on earth He length - en, God my wea - ry



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.  
joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.  
and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.  
heart will quick - en; All my long - ing shall be stilled.  
soul will strength - en; All my trust in Him I place.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en By their God are  
He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly  
I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me  
To His lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der Soul and bod - y  
Earth - ly wealth is not a - bid - ing, Like a stream a -



not for - sak - en And will keep a daunt - less heart.  
guides and rules me Will re - main my help di - vine.  
last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.  
I sur - ren - der, For on God a - lone I build.  
way is glid - ing; Safe I an - chor in His grace.

Sermon “Faith Is the Foundation” (Hebrews 11:1-2, 6)

**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."





What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?  
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

### 862 Oh, Blest the House (vs. 1-5)



1 Oh, blest the house, what - e'er be - fall, Where Je - sus  
 2 Oh, blest that house where faith is found And all in  
 3 Oh, blest the par - ents who give heed Un - to their  
 4 Oh, blest that house; it pros - pers well. In peace and  
 5 Then here will I and mine to - day A sol - emn



Christ is all in all! A home that is not whol - ly  
 hope and love a - bound; They trust their God and serve Him  
 chil - dren's fore - most need And wea - ry not of care or  
 joy the par - ents dwell, And in their chil - dren's lives is  
 prom - ise make and say: Though all the world for - sake His



His— How sad and poor and dark it is!  
 still And do in all His ho - ly will!  
 cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost!  
 shown How rich - ly God can bless His own.  
 Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

*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.**



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,  
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,  
 6 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:  
 Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.  
 From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.  
 Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
 Be Thou our guard while trou - bles last And our e - ter - nal home!

**Announcements**

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!



**Altar Flowers**

Altar flowers this week are given by Tony & Suzie Mirenda  
 in celebration of their 47<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>	Greg Nowakowski	Mike Huber	Derek Poellet
<u>Readers</u>	Kathy Szefflinski	Cris Evers	Derek Poellet
<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	Bob Buzzell, Lynn Buzzell, Madilyn Hundt, Evie Gamroth	Cathy Weeks, Rick Weeks, Amelia Poellet, Dachs Poellet

## WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*For all who worship this day, bless us through your Word, O Lord.* 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); **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; **Jim** (healing & strength) Suzie Miranda'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; **Beth** (hospitalized with blood clots on her lungs) sister of Lori Jablonski; **Debbie** (healing & strength) daughter in law of Pauline Parker.

**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.

**We pray with those who mourn:** Almighty God, Father of mercies and God of all comfort, deal graciously with *Lori Kachelmeier* and her whole family as they mourn the death of her brother *Randy*, and the death of her relative, *Mike Sparbel*, that casting every care on You, they may know the consolation of Your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

**All those on the Grace Prayer Line dealing with long term health and medical issues;** Hear our prayer. We encourage you to submit prayer requests for worship and/or our prayer line by emailing: [Paulinemom@aol.com](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



In your Bulletins today you received a commitment form & a time & talents survey. Please fill those out and bring to church on Harvest Sunday (Commitment Sunday) October 16<sup>th</sup> or return it to the church office when convenient. *(Extra commitment forms are available on the back table of the church and will be included next week in your bulletin).* I ask that, as you approach your commitment decisions and how God can use your time, talents, and treasures for service in God's Kingdom and in His Church, you seek God's guidance in prayer. Let the love of God guide you in your decision.



### **Special Voters' Meeting for calling a new Church President**

Duane Meyer has recently stepped down from the Church President position here at Grace. We thank him for his years of dedicated service to our congregation in the various positions that he has served and we wish God's blessings to him and his family. Because of Duane's resignation, we will need to have a special Voters' Meeting in order to call a new Church President here at Grace. Tom Hengst would like to continue to serve as Vice President. This special Voters' meeting will take place on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> following our 10:30am service.

### **Sunday School**

Sunday School during the month of October will be on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at Grace Lutheran School from 9:15-10:15am. **You can register your children for Sunday School online by going here: [tinyurl.com/GraceOCSundaySchool](http://tinyurl.com/GraceOCSundaySchool).** 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)

### **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... 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

## 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).

**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.

**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).

**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!!!

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PLEASING LIFE" ARE MANAGERS  
OF GOD'S CREATION. OUR  
STEWARDSHIP IS ACTIVE AND  
INVOLVED RATHER THAN A  
PASSIVE CARETAKER ROLE."**

*"The earth is the Lord's, and everything  
in it, the world, and all who live in it"  
(Psalm 24:1).*





**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OAK CREEK THIRD ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT!!!** Children from Grace Lutheran and the surrounding community are invited to come to a “Trunk or Treat” event at Grace Lutheran School on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30pm. The children can come to our school parking lot to receive Halloween Candy, some Christian tracts, and they will be able to have fellowship with other children and with members of our congregation. We are in need of volunteers for this event, please

contact Pastor Taggatz or the Grace Lutheran Church Office if you are interested in helping out with this event and providing candy for the children: 414-762-8990 or [church@graceoakcreek.org](mailto:church@graceoakcreek.org). During a Trunk or Treat event the trunk of one’s car is opened displaying candy, and often games are made available, and certain Halloween decorations. Because this is a Christian event, please do not decorate or come in costume with goblins, witches, and other occult attire. Ideas for how to decorate the trunks of your cars for this event can be found on [Pinterest](#).

### **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.

**LUTHERAN HOUR - "You've Got It in You"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. Faith in Christ is something that's in you, but you didn't put it there. (2 Timothy 1:13-14) **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

## **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 treasures 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>.

## IN THE WORD FOR THE 17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Catechism:** Creed—First Article

**Verse of the week:** Psalm 33:6, “By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.”

**Psalm of the week:** Psalm 148

**Hymn of the week:** (LSB 534) “Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor” (stanzas 1-2)

**Bible Readings for the Week:**

Sunday— Jesus Forgives the Paralytic—Matthew 9:1-8

Monday— Creation—The First Four Days—Genesis 1:1-19

Tuesday— Creation—Days Five and Six—Genesis 1:20-31

Wednesday— Creation—The Day of Rest—Genesis 2:1-7

Thursday— Creation—Man and the Garden of Eden—Genesis 2:8-25

Friday— House Built on the Rock—Matthew 7:21-29

Saturday— Isaiah 55:1-9

“It is easy to look at others in the world and label them as enemies, especially when they have different political, religious, or ethical beliefs than we do. But, when God looks at those individuals, He wants them to belong to His family, too. A fruit of faith can be to show other individuals, made in God’s image, that they, too, are chosen!” *Marie K. MacPherson, author - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org* Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. [www.word-of-hope.org](http://www.word-of-hope.org); 888-217-8679.

## Growing In Grace September 22<sup>nd</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### Offering

General Offering	\$2,314.00	<b>Attendance</b>	147
On-Line Giving	\$1,512.47	<b>Communed</b>	89
Missions	\$55.00		
Debt Fund	\$0.00		
Mortgage Offering	\$25.00		
Lutheran High	\$0.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,906.47</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	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>
Monday	10/3	6:30 pm 6:30 pm	Confirmation Class Grief Share Group
Tuesday	10/4	7:00 am 6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast Stephen Ministry Meeting
Wednesday	10/5	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study All Board's Meeting
Thursday	10/6	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Divine Worship-MITES</b>
Saturday	10/8	8:00 am	Rise & Sonshine Bible Study
Sunday	10/9	<b>8:00 am</b> 9:15 am <b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship-MITES</b> Adult Bible Study <b>Divine Worship-MITES</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>
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ECC Director	Mrs. Rachel Miliacca	414-762-8755
Director of Music	Mrs. Lisa Hengst	
Congregation President	Mr. Duane Meyer	414-840-1873
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