

# Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

Oak Creek, Wisconsin  
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*Celebrate  
Teach  
Share*

## Reformation Day (Observed)

October 27<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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

Ephesians 2:8



Image: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress." (*Psalms 46:1, 11*)

## **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 "The Reformation Is Important!"***

It is easy to underestimate the darkness of that time prior to the Reformation. It is just as easy to underestimate the darkness in our own day. On this day, we do not simply recall an event but the work of God recalling His Church to the eternal Gospel. We proclaim with clarity that justification by grace through faith is not some Lutheran quirk but is the message of Christ, affirmed by Paul and kept in trust by the Church down through the centuries as our greatest treasure. Just as the world long ago needed to hear the Church proclaim in an unwavering voice Jesus Christ and His payment for our sin, so does our world long for the true freedom bestowed by grace and grasped by faith.

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

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

# Order of Service: *Divine Service Setting 1, pg. 151*

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

Opening Hymn 645

Built on the Rock (vs. 1-4)

*Stand*

Confession and Absolution

LSB 151

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

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

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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

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

C **Amen.**

## ✠ WORD ✠

Introit (*Psalm 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46, read responsively*)

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]\*  
and shall not be | put to shame.

I will bless the LORD at | all times;\*  
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;\*  
let the humble hear | and be glad.  
Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;\*  
I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.  
The LORD redeems the life of his | servants;\*  
none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.

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 will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]\*  
and shall not be | put to shame.

## Kyrie

LSB 152

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

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

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

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

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

## This Is the Feast

LSB 155

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 156

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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*

#### First Reading

*Revelation 14:6-7*

*(John describes the eternal Gospel, which is to be proclaimed to every people in every corner of the earth.)*

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup>And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

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

**Gradual** (*Psalm 48:1a, 12-14a, read responsively*)

Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised\*  
**in the city | of our God!**  
Walk about Zion, go around her, number her | towers,\*  
**consider well her ramparts, go through her | citadels,**  
that you may tell the next gener- | ation\*  
**that this is God, our God forever and | ever.**

**Epistle Lesson**

*Romans 3:19-28*

***(By grace are you saved through faith and not of yourselves.)***

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup>It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

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

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

*LSB 156*

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

**Alleluia Verse for Reformation Day—***“Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.”* (Luke 12:32)

*(If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.)*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

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

<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed

LSB 158

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

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

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

*Sit*

**Children’s Message “An Angel Flying in Midair” (Revelation 14:6-7)** *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 657**

**A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (vs. 1-4)**

**Sermon**

**“An Eternal Gospel to Proclaim” (Revelation 14:6-7)**

**Offertory**

*LSB 159*

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

**Offering/Attendance** As the offerings are being passed to you by the ushers, we ask that you take this time to fill out the attendance pads located in your pews so that we can acknowledge your presence with us today. We are so glad that you have joined us in worship here at Grace!!! We also thank you for your generosity and support of Jesus Christ our Lord’s Kingdom work!!! God bless you!!!

**You can now give online.** It’s easy, fast, and secure. If you’re able, we also encourage you to set up recurring giving by texting: **graceoc** to 206-859-9405, use this QR Code or head to our website at: [graceoakcreek.org](http://graceoakcreek.org). You may give a onetime gift or set up your regular weekly or monthly offering. Those using this method of giving may still bring their envelope if they wish and simply write ‘*online giving*’ on the outside and place it in the offering plate.



*Stand*



**Prayer of the Church** (*After each petition the Pastor will say, “Lord in Your mercy,” and the congregation responds saying, “Hear our prayer.”*)

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

LSB 161

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

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

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

C Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

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

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

### The Words of Our Lord

LSB 162

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

### Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

### Agnus Dei

LSB 163

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

*Sit*

### Distribution

We celebrate the Lord's Supper

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

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

### Distribution Hymns

735 Have No Fear, Little Flock (vs. 1-4)  
644 The Church's One Foundation (vs. 1-4)

*Stand*

### Thank the Lord

*LSB 164*

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

### Post-Communion Collect

*LSB 166*

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

### Benediction

*LSB 166*

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

### Closing Hymn 655

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word (vs. 1-3)

## Announcements

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!



### ☼ *Altar Flowers* ☼

Altar flowers this week are given by Mark & Jennifer Olen  
in celebration of their 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!  
Continued Blessing 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	Eric Kamprath	Richard Jackson
<u>Readers</u>	Suzie Miranda	Glenn Dotson	Beth Jackson
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Marlene Voss	Lynn Buzzell	Lynn Buzzell
<u>Linens</u>	Jennifer Olen	Jennifer Olen	Jennifer Olen
<u>Ushers</u>	Marlene Voss, Lance Kopperud	Bob & Lynn Buzzell, Madilyn Hundt, Evie Gamroth	Rick & Cathy Weeks, Amelia Poellet, Dachs Poellet
<u>Acolyte</u>		Garrison Hundt	Brilee Simmons

### 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; **Greg Voss** (healing & strength); **Pam Umaski** (healing & renewed strength after her kidney transplant); **Curt Bayer** (cancer) former member of Grace; **Sindy Schmidt** (healing); **Lynn Seeger** (heart issues) friend of Chris Evers; **Sandra Mallas** (health,

peace, comfort) Mother of Lynn Serdyski; **Claire Dotson** (for patience & wisdom in dealing with multiple health issues) mother of Glenn Dotson; **Gary Forsythe** (dementia) friend of Carol Loveall; **Jim** (healing & strength) Suzie Miranda's relative; **Lisa Lampshire** (organ transplants) friend of Dena Guziewicz; **Joe Beiler's stepfather** (healing & strength); **Phyllis Schmidt** (heart issues) friend of Virginia Schmeiser; **Gilbert Kahle** (knee surgery) former parishioner of Pastor Taggatz; **Debbie** (healing & strength) daughter in law of Pauline Parker; **Patrick** (healing & strength) neighbor of Marlene Voss; **Betty** (recovery from Covid) Lori Kachelmeier's mother; **Jared Williamsen** (hospitalized after a car accident) friend of Dena Guziewicz, our school secretary; **Lisa Kamprath's sister** (cancer); **Shirley** (healing for fractured shoulder) Dawn Jantz's sister; **Rick Weeks** (knee surgery); **James** (healing & strength) great grandson of Carol Thurber and son of John and Ali Gottwald, **Rommie Guziewicz** (hospitalized) the mother-in-law of Dena Guziewicz (school secretary).

**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 for those who mourn:** Almighty God, Father of mercies and God of all comfort, deal graciously with **Sarah Lovern, Abigail Guziewicz's anatomy professor**, as she mourns the death of her mother, that casting every care on You, they may know the consolation of Your love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!** We thank the Lord that in a private baptism on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, **Drew & Gabriella Salzer**, children of **Craig & Courtney Salzer**, are 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 **Drew & Gabriella's** names are 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

**INSTALLATION OF PASTOR MARK NUCKOLS at Our Father's Lutheran Church on Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.** The members of Our Father's Lutheran Church cordially invite you to the Service Installation of Rev. Dr. Mark Nuckols on Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Our Father's Lutheran Church is located at: 6025 South 27<sup>th</sup> St. Greenfield, WI 53221. There will be a reception immediately following in the School Gymnasium.

Grace Lutheran School is in need of a 4K Teacher Aid. If you are interested in this part time position and would like more information, please contact our school office at: 414-762-3655 or [principal@graceoakcreek.org](mailto:principal@graceoakcreek.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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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.

### **ORDER YOUR POINSETTIA NOW**

Deadline to order flowers is: *Sunday, November 20th*. Order with payment should be made payable to: Grace Lutheran Church. If payment is not made by November 20th your plant will not be ordered.

6" - \$12.00  
9" - \$32.00  
12" - \$48.00

Flowers will be red with gold foil. The sign-up sheet will be on the white board in the narthex. Please include your money in the envelopes provided. Then place the envelope in the basket or hand to an usher. *In Memory or Honor of* will be included in bulletin.

### **Just a Cup of Coffee**

Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:30am  
Hillside Coffee Shop ~ 237 E. Ryan Road

\*\*Ladies...start your Saturday with fellowship and your favorite hot beverage!\*\*

**Fellowship Fun Committee Survey at Grace Lutheran Church, School and ECC!!!** We would like to get some feedback on a list of potential activities that our families would be interested in. This is an initial list, and we welcome any additional ideas. In the narthex, near the bulletins, you can find this survey to fill out. Please indicate if you would be interested in participating in the activity as well as ranking (#1 being the highest) the activities that interest you and your family. All activities would be held at Grace Lutheran School, unless otherwise noted. **Please return to the church & school office by November 11, 2022.** We look forward to seeing you at our kickoff event in the next couple months. Thank you for your feedback.

### **Time & Talents Survey**

Even though we have finished our stewardship emphasis, you are still welcome to fill out the time and talent and commitment forms and drop them off in the time and talents box. *(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.

### **Fall Festival Concert**

**Sunday, November 6 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Grades 6-12 Band Concert, Martin Luther Gym**

- **ML Woodwind Ensemble**
- **Spartan Kadet Band**
- **ML Symphonic Band**

**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 414-423-0010.

## LUTHERAN HOUR DEVOTIONS ADVENT 2022

### *“A Son Is Given”*

In *A Son Is Given*, we look at the promise of God to send His Messiah as fulfilled in Jesus. The Heavenly Father made good on His ancient pledge. In Jesus we have the love of God come to earth in the form of a Child, who is for us the Savior of the world. The Lutheran Hour Advent Devotionals will be available on the back table of the narthex in our Church. We will include our church's contact information, along with our Holiday Worship Times so that you can share the joy of the birth of our Savior Jesus with those around you, namely, your neighbors, family members, and friends.

### **2023 LWML Convention-Milwaukee**

Do you enjoy helping the helpers? You'd be a great fit for the Workers' Room!

- Sign up to support the volunteers who will make the 2023 LWML Convention possible while we "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations" in Milwaukee.
- Go to <https://www.lwml-swd.org/events/other> for more information or contact Allison at [allisonlwmlmke23@gmail.com](mailto:allisonlwmlmke23@gmail.com).

**Stewardship Minute**—God calls us to be faithful stewards who use our time, talents, and money as participants in His mission *“to seek and save the lost”* (Luke 19:10). We are to be about God's mission with all the resources He entrusts to us. God's mission becomes our mission. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we become God's tools through whom and with whom He works. We become faithful stewards by God's grace and His Spirit's power.

**GIVING FINANCIALLY IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR OBEDIENCE TO THE GREAT COMMISSION.**

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of Son and of the Holy Spirit”* (Matthew 28:19).





## IN THE WORD FOR REFORMATION DAY (OBSERVED)

**Catechism:** Creed—Third Article

**Verse of the week:** John 6:63, “*It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.*”

**Psalm of the week:** Psalm 46

**Hymn of the week:** (LSB 676) “Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”

**Bible Readings for the Week:**

**Sunday**— Reformation Celebrated: John 8:31-36

**Monday**— God’s Covenant with Abram—Promise of a Son—Gen. 15:1-6

**Tuesday**— Hagar and Ishmael—Genesis 16:1-16

**Wednesday**— All Saints’ Day Celebrated—Clothed in Christ—Rev. 7:9-17

**Thursday**— Circumcision and Abram’s Name Change—Gen. 17:1-11 (12-14)

**Friday**— Sarai’s Name Change—Genesis 17:15-27

**Saturday**—The Golden Calf—Exodus 32:1-20

“While we are on this side of eternity, the chance to serve and love our country and our neighbor and our community is as depthless as the Lord’s love for us. Engaging is a good, right, and humbling call.” *Timothy S. Goeglein, vice president of government and external relations at Focus on the Family in Washington, D.C. - 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.

**LUTHERAN HOUR "Give Your Brother a Call"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler God cares that we relate to Him with childlike faith and relate to others with Christlike love. (Luke 19:1-10) **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
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## **Holiday Worship Schedule for 2022**

### **“Angels- The Ultimate Divine Messengers of Hope”**

On Thursday nights at 6:30pm during the month of December we will once again be having our Advent Midweek Worship Services. The theme this year is, *“Angels—The Ultimate Messengers of Hope.”* During Advent this year, we will focus on the messages brought by angels: *to Zechariah, to Joseph, and to Mary.* On Christmas Eve we will hear a multitude of angels singing God’s glory and peace to shepherds. On Christmas Day, we will hear from yet one more angel: *“Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger”* (Luke 2:10–12). Imagine the surprise of the shepherds when the sign of Christ the Lord was not a palace or a crib radiating light beams, or a baby surrounded by a fierce army of guards, the sign was just a baby in a manger, wrapped in swaddling cloths! As John declares, *“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us”* (John 1:14). Even today, the Word comes to us in plain spoken words, in the water with God’s promise of Baptism, and in the bread and wine of Communion. God’s ways are not our ways. He comes in seemingly lowly, simple, and unspectacular ways that we end up discovering are full of His grace and truth. The season of Advent calls to us to stop, look, and listen for the Lord. Here is the order of holiday worship for the coming month, we hope to see you in worship as we receive Christ’s gifts of Word and Sacrament for the forgiveness of our sins, eternal life, and salvation. Please note, there will be no Thursday night worship service on Thursday December 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Thanksgiving Eve Service with Communion** **Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:30 pm**  
**“Giving Thanks-The Heart of the Selfless”** (Luke 17:11–19)

**Advent Midweek 1** **Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30pm**  
**“The Angel Gabriel Brings a Message of Hope in the Midst of Unbelieving Doubt”** (Luke 1:5–25)

**Advent Midweek 2** **Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm**  
**“An Angel of the Lord Brings a Message of Hope in the Midst of Fear of the Unknown”** (Matthew 1:18–25)

**Advent Midweek 3** **Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm**  
**“The Angel Gabriel Brings a Message of Hope in the Midst of the Seemingly Impossible”** (Luke 1:26–38)

**Advent Midweek 4** **Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:30pm**  
**“This Present Sign”** (Isaiah 7:10–17)

**Christmas Eve:** **Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00pm, 5:30pm**  
**“A Multitude of the Heavenly Host Announces a Peace Which Brings Renewed Hope”** (Luke 2:13–14)

**Christmas Day:** **Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30am**  
**“An Angel Brings Hope with a Sign of God’s Presence in the Newly Born Christ Child”** (Luke 2:8–11)

**NO WORSHIP SERVICE ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**New Year’s Day Worship** **Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> @ 9:30am**  
**“New Year . . . No Fear!”** (Romans 8:31b–39)

**Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00am & 10:30am Services - “An Epiphany Moment”** (Isaiah 60:1–6)

## Growing In Grace October 20<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

### Offering

General Offering	\$2,927.25	<b>Attendance</b>	152
On-Line Giving	\$1,212.17	<b>Communed</b>	105
Missions	\$0.00		
Debt Fund	\$0.00		
Mortgage Offering	\$300.00		
Lutheran High	\$0.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,439.42</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	10/30	8:00 am	Divine Worship
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Study
		<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship</b>
Monday	10/31	6:30 pm	Confirmation Class
		6:30 pm	Grief Share Group
Tuesday	11/1	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
		6:30 pm	Stephen Ministry Meeting
Wednesday	11/2	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
		6:30 pm	All Board's Meeting
Thursday	11/3	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Divine Worship-MITES</b>
		7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	11/6	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>All Saints Day Worship-MITES</b>
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Study
		9:15 am	Sunday School
		<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>All Saints Day 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.

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