

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

Oak Creek, Wisconsin
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Stewardship Emphasis 2

October 6th & 9th, 2022



"By His Grace you are saved through faith."

Ephesians 2:8

"Discipleship is the Path"



Image: "14For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; 15and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised." (2 Cor. 5:14-15)

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 "Discipleship is the Path"

DISCIPLESHIP IS THE PATH is today's topic of study during our stewardship program, STEWARDS LIVING A GOD-PLEASING LIFE. "*Come, follow Me,*" *Jesus commands* (Matthew 4:19). Just as Jesus called His original twelve disciples, He calls us today. Disciples are followers of Jesus who submit to Him and share His love with others. Let us pray that our stewardship program will encourage us to follow God's will for our lives as His stewards. Next Sunday October 16th, we will be concentrating our thoughts on generosity in giving of ourselves through, time, talents, and treasures for service to God in His Kingdom. Please remember to bring your commitment cards!

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 685

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus (vs. 1-4)

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 34:2-4, 17; antiphon: Psalm 48:1a, read responsively*)

Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised*

in the city | of our God!

My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;*

let the humble hear | and be glad.

Oh, magnify the | LORD with me,*

and let us exalt his name to- | gether!
I sought the LORD, and he | answered me*
and delivered me from | all my fears.
When the righteous cry for help, the | LORD hears*
and delivers them out of all their | troubles.

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.

Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised*
in the city | of our God!

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. Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; 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 *Psalm 8*

(How majestic is the name of our God)

¹O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. ²Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. ³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, ⁴what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? ⁵Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, ⁷all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, ⁸the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. ⁹O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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 2 *Corinthians 5:11-21*

(God has given to us the ministry of reconciliation)

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

- 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 *Mark 8:31-38*

(Jesus foretells His death and resurrection and teaches us the cost of discipleship)

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

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

- 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 (Sunday Only) “Discipleship Is the Path” (Mark 8:34-35) *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 696

O God, My Faithful God (vs. 1-5)

Sermon (Thursday Only)

“A Person After God’s Own Heart” (Acts 13:22)

Guest Pastor Doug Schroeder, Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Greendale

Sermon (Sunday Only)

“Discipleship is the Path” (Mark 8:34)

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

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



Stand

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

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

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:

700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (vs. 1-4)

609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive (vs. 1-7)

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 790

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (vs. 1-5)

Announcements

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

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Altar Flowers

Altar flowers this week are given by Bob & Dawn Jantz
in celebrations of their 63rd wedding anniversary.
Continued blessings to you both!

Assisting with the Divine Service

We thank God for all those individuals who have been involved in supporting our worship services this week. If you are interested in assisting in any of the ways shown below, please speak with pastor or one of our elders.

	<u>Thursday 6:30pm</u>	<u>Sunday 8:00am</u>	<u>Sunday 10:30am</u>
<u>Elders</u>	Adam Voss	Greg Nowakowski	Dick Jackson
<u>Readers</u>	Kathy Szefflinski	Erica Vitek	Beth Jackson
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Suzie Miranda	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

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; **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 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; **Beth** (hospitalized with blood clots on her lungs) sister of Lori Jablonski; **Debbie** (healing & strength) daughter in law of Pauline Parker; **Patrick** (healing & strength) neighbor of Marlene Voss.

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 the families of *Everett Vandermolen*, father of *Jen Gettelman*, *Pauline Parker's* family, as they mourn the death of her cousin, *Mary Ann Wessly*, and the family of *Lori Kachelmeier*, 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.

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow! Heavenly Father we thank you for the birth of *Evie Mae McKinster*, the daughter of Grace members, *Paul & Nina McKinster*. We thank you for this gift of new life. Bring *Evie Mae* to the precious waters of holy baptism and grant her a precious inheritance awaiting her in your eternal kingdom. Bless Paul and Nina as they care for little *Evie Mae*, through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

We rejoice with **Ariel Wald & Joshua Hagar**, who were united in Holy Matrimony here at Grace on Saturday, October 8th!!! **We pray:** Heavenly Father, Your Son used the joy of the marriage feast as a sign of the joy of Your kingdom. We humbly ask that you would be with *Ariel & Josh*, whom You have united as husband and wife, and sanctify them with Your love. Bless their marriage Lord, and bring us all at last to the joy of feasting with You in Your eternal kingdom. 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.

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

We thank Rev. Doug Schroeder from Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Greendale for leading worship and sharing God’s Word with us today (Thursday October 6th) while Pastor Taggatz is attending a Pastoral Leadership Conference. May God continue to richly bless him and his family and his ministry to God’s people!!!

Time & Talents Survey

Please fill out and bring to church on Harvest Sunday (Commitment Sunday) October 16th 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.

Martin Luther High School Troubadours coming to Grace on Sunday, October 16th. The Martin Luther High Troubadours will be at Grace at both our 8am and 10:30am worship services and will be singing some of their choral pieces during worship. We look forward to having the Troubadours with us next week!!!

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.

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 16th following our 10:30am service.

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 6th, 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.



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 28th 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. 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](#).

Grace Ladies Guild- Zone 1 Fall Rally

Saturday, October 15 - 9am Breakfast, 9:30 Program

Grace Lutheran Church

3030 W. Oklahoma Ave

- Program-Pastor Novelli to speak on Grace's Hispanic Ministry
- Gifts from the Heart Offering-Target or Walmart gift cards
- The cards will be used to purchase toys for the Three Kings Christmas mission the church holds each year.

See you there!

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 or 414-719-2257.

**IF WE WANT TO BE "STEWARDS
LIVING A GOD-PLEASING LIFE,"
OUR LIVES ARE NO LONGER OUR
OWN; WE LIVE THEM IN COMPLETE
OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST.**

*"...I no longer live, but Christ lives
in me. The life I live in the body,
I live by faith in the Son of God,
Who loved me and gave Himself
for me" (Galatians 2:20).*



IN THE WORD FOR THE 18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Catechism: Creed—First Article

Verse of the week: John 1:1-3, “*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.*”

Psalm of the week: Psalm 139:1-18

Hymn of the week: (LSB 954) “We All Believe in One True God”

Bible Readings for the Week:

Sunday— Parable of the Wedding Feast—Matthew 22:1-14

Monday— Paul Speaks in Athens—Acts 17:22-34

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

Wednesday—The First Promise of Salvation—Genesis 3:8-15

Thursday— The Curse of the Fall—Genesis 3:16-24

Friday— Cain Murders Abel; the Birth of Seth—Gen. 4:1-18 (19-24) 25-26

Saturday— Genesis 1:1–2:3

“Moved by the Holy Spirit, may we help each other carry the crosses we face together. May we work to eliminate suffering together. And may we find healing, belonging, peace, and joy, together in the cross of Christ!” *Michelle Bauman, director of Y4Life - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org lutheransforlife.org* Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. www.word-of-hope.org; 888-217-8679.

LUTHERAN HOUR "Thankfulness, eh?" Guest Speaker: Rev. Cody Cooper. It's only right to be thankful for what we have and what we are. The question is, to whom are we thankful? (Luke 17:11-19) **The Lutheran Hour can be heard any time on the internet at: lhm.org scroll down the page and click on, "listen now."** Or listen to any of these local radio stations on Sunday mornings.

WTMJ	Milwaukee, WI	103.3	FM	Sun	6:30 AM
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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. 2nd, 9th, and 16th.

Growing In Grace September 29th & October 2nd, 2022

Offering

General Offering	\$3,758.00	Attendance	120
On-Line Giving	\$776.42	Communed	93
Missions	\$110.00		
Debt Fund	\$0.00		
Mortgage Offering	\$1,025.00		
Lutheran High	\$0.00		
Total	\$5,669.42		

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	10/9	8:00 am	Divine Worship-MITES
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Study
		10:30 am	Divine Worship-MITES
Monday	10/10	6:30 pm	Confirmation Class
		6:30 pm	Grief Share Group
Tuesday	10/11	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
Wednesday	10/12	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
		6:30 pm	Council Meeting
Thursday	10/13	6:30 pm	Divine Worship
		7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	10/15	9:00 am	LWML Zone 1 Fall Rally
Sunday	10/16	8:00 am	Divine Worship – Troubadour's
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Study
		9:15 am	Sunday School
		10:30 am	Divine Worship – Troubadour's
		11:30 am	SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING
		1:30 pm	New Members Class

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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