

# Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

Oak Creek, Wisconsin  
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*Celebrate  
Teach  
Share*

## All Saints' Day (Observed)

November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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

Ephesians 2:8

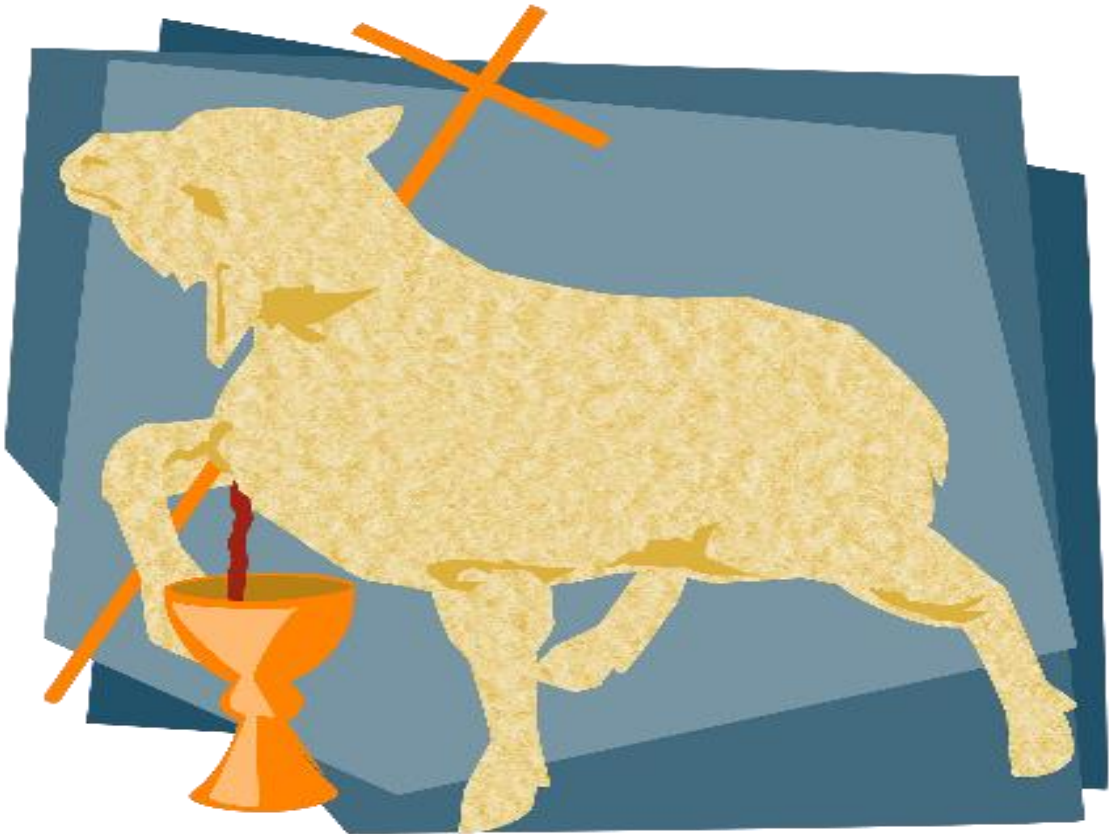


Image: "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." (*Revelation 7:14*)

# 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 Blessings of the Saints*”**

In our Lutheran Confessions, we say that we remember the saints so we may give thanks for them and their witness, so we might be strengthened by their example, and so we might be moved to follow them as they followed Christ. This is not about hero worship, but it is about recognizing the faithful who went before us, who trusted in Christ, and who were received into His mercy. It is about being encouraged as we fight the good fight here and now. It is also about looking to the great reunion when finally, all the faithful will be together forever in the marriage supper of the Lamb without end.

## **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 670

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones (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 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b, read responsively)*

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.\*

**They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.**

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;\*

**in your righteousness de- | liver me.**

For you are my rock and my | fortress;\*

**and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.**

Into your hand I commit my | spirit;\*

**you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.**

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.

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.\*  
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

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—
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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 and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

## Litany of Remembrance for All Saints' Day

Today, as we observe All Saints' Day, we commemorate those from our congregation, our friends, and family members who have fallen asleep in Jesus during the past year. A bell or chime is rung following the reading of the name of the deceased. The pastor and congregation then continue with the reading from Holy Scripture.

+ Mary Ann Wessly +

P: I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies;

**C: And whoever lives and believes in Me will never die. (Jn 11:25-26)**

+ Everett Vandermolen +

P: Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

**C: Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. (Col 3:1-2)**

+ Randy Keesler +

P: I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth.

**C: And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God. (Job 19:25-26)**

+ Mike Sparbel +

P: I tell you the truth, whoever hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has eternal life.

**C: And will not be condemned: He has crossed over from death to life. (Jn 5:24)**

+ Rena Pett +

P: I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

**C: Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness. (2 Tim 4:7-8)**

+ David Hesiak +

P: For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we belong to the Lord.

**C: So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. (Rom 14:7-8)**

+ Jill Smith +

P: <sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days

**C: that we may get a heart of wisdom. (Psalm 90:12)**

+ Bob Parr +

P: <sup>8</sup>He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,

**C: and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. (Isa. 25:8)**

+ James Tuschling +

P: <sup>42</sup>And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

**C: <sup>43</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (Luke 23:42-43)**

+ Cathy Kastenmeier +

P: <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever.

C: **The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” (John 4:14)**

+ Mark John +

P: <sup>36</sup>Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life,

C: **so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. (John 4:36)**

+ Lee Loveall +

P: <sup>25</sup>“Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here,

C: **when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. (John 5:25)**

+ Angie Strasse +

P: <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,

C: **he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. (Rom. 8:11)**

+ Stacy Granum +

P: <sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

C: **<sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. (1 Cor. 15:20-21)**

+ Raydon Elisworth +

P: <sup>52</sup>in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

C: **<sup>53</sup>For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. (1 Cor. 15:52-53)**

+ Rolly Anderson +

P: <sup>13</sup>Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak,

C: **<sup>14</sup>knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. (2 Cor. 4:13-14)**

+ Kathy Campbell +

P: <sup>15</sup>and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves

C: **but for him who for their sake died and was raised. (2 Cor. 5:15)**

+ Tom Adams +

P: <sup>4</sup>For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world.

C: **And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. (1 John 5:4)**

+ Greg Puetz +

P: <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man.

C: **He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. (Rev. 21:3)**

+ Jim Miller +

P: <sup>28</sup>Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

C: <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matt. 11:28-30)

+ Gudrun Boyd +

P: <sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell.

C: <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. (Phil. 1:21-23)

+ Ronnie Boyd +

P: <sup>23</sup>And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

C: <sup>24</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. (John 12:23-25)

+ Lorraine Roush +

P: <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

C: <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. (John 10:14-15 & 27-28)

+ Marion Heinen +

P: <sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

C: <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. (Psalm 23:4-6)

+ Harold Parker +

P: <sup>5</sup>Into your hand I commit my spirit;

C: you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God. (Psalm 31:5)

+ Jackson Sparks +

P: <sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C: <sup>10</sup>“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!” <sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. (Psalm 46:1, 10-11)

+ Doreen Makofski +

P: <sup>1</sup>How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

C: <sup>2</sup>My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. (Psalm 84:1-2)

+ Beverly Burette +

P: <sup>7</sup>Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. <sup>8</sup>For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling; <sup>9</sup>I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

**C: <sup>15</sup>Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. (Psalm 116:7-9, 15)**

+ Norma Manoil +

P: <sup>3</sup>“Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been borne by me from before your birth, carried from the womb;

**C: <sup>4</sup>even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save. (Isaiah 46:3-4)**

+ Darcy Schneider +

P: <sup>16</sup>[Jesus said:] “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,

**C: that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)**

+ Sandy Vitek +

P: <sup>29</sup>“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation

**C: <sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” (Luke 2:29-32)**

+ Dominic Gulizia +

P: <sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

**C: <sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. (Isaiah 53:4-5)**

+ Larry Wetzell +

P: <sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

**C: <sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. (Isaiah 43:1-2)**

+ Joseph Carl Brinkman +

P: Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!

**C: Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. (Psalm 25:20)**

+ Christian Hope Jackson +

P: You make known to me the path of life;

**C: in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. (Psalm 16:11)**

+ Gerald J Kobs +

P: Those who look to him are radiant,

**C: and their faces shall never be ashamed. (Psalm 34:5)**

+ Lilli Schottler +

P: As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.

**C: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God... (Psalm 42:1-2)**



+ Bob Szeflinski +

P: O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs

C: **O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come. (Psalm 71:17-18)**

+ Peter Herzog +

P: The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

C: **The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. (Psalm 121:7-8)**

P: Let us pray... Almighty God, in whose glorious presence live all who depart in the Lord and before whom all the souls of the faithful who are delivered of the burden of the flesh are in joy and felicity, we give You hearty thanks for Your loving-kindness to all Your servants who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors, and we humbly implore Your mercy that we, together with all who have departed in the saving faith, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, in both body and soul, in Your eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

First Reading *Revelation 7:2-17*

*(The Lamb will be their shepherd; He will guide them to springs of living water and wipe every tear from their eyes.)*

<sup>2</sup>Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads."

<sup>4</sup>And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

<sup>5</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,

12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,

12,000 from the tribe of Gad,

<sup>6</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Asher,

12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,

12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,

<sup>7</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,

12,000 from the tribe of Levi,

12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,

<sup>8</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,

12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,

12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, <sup>9</sup>a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>“Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

<sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** (*Psalm 149; antiphon: v. 4, read responsively*)

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a | new song,\*

**his praise in the assembly of the | godly!**

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel be glad in his | Maker;\*

**let the children of Zion rejoice | in their King!**

<sup>3</sup>Let them praise his name with | dancing,\*

**making melody to him with tambou- | rine and lyre!**

<sup>4</sup>For the LORD takes pleasure in his | people;\*

**he adorns the humble with sal- | vation.**

<sup>5</sup>Let the godly exult in | glory;\*

**let them sing for joy | on their beds.**

<sup>6</sup>Let the high praises of God be | in their throats\*

**and two-edged swords | in their hands,**

<sup>7</sup>to execute vengeance on the | nations\*

**and punishments on the | peoples,**

<sup>8</sup>to bind their | kings with chains\*

**and their nobles with fet- | ters of iron,**

<sup>9</sup>to execute on them the judgment | written!\*

**This is honor for all his godly ones. | Praise the LORD!**

**Epistle Lesson 1 John 3:1-3**

*(Beloved, we are God's children now.)*

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

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

**Alleluia Verse**—“Alleluia. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us [look] to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Alleluia.” (Hebrews 12:1a, 2a)

**Holy Gospel Matthew 5:1-12**

*(Rejoice and be glad, for great is your reward in heaven.)*

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

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed**

- 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 “Sing, Praise, Make Melody!” (Psalm 149)** *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 677**

**For All the Saints (vs. 1-4, 7-8)**

**Sermon**

**“The Blessings of the Saints” (Psalm 149)**

**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. By faith the saints of old held fast to Your promise of things hoped for though not yet seen, leaving an example and encouragement for us who walk now by faith and not by sight. Grant that we may faithfully eat and drink this Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood and in the union of His mystical body, the Church, be joined in unending praise with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Moses, Elijah, and all the faithful prophets; the blessed apostles and evangelists, the holy martyrs, and all the saints in glory who fought the good fight of faith before us. 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.
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*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:**

672 Jerusalem the Golden (vs. 1-4)  
822 Alleluia! Let Praises Ring (vs. 1-4)

*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 813**

**Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng (vs. 1-4, 6-7)**

**Announcements**

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**



**Altar Flowers**

Altar flowers this week are given by Patrick Manoil  
in memory of his mother, Norma Manoil.

### 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>	Mike Huber	Brandon Dachel	Derek Poellet
<u>Readers</u>	Pastor Taggatz	Erica Vitek	Derek Poellet
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Janine & Marlene	Janine & Marlene	Janine & Marlene
<u>Linens</u>	Char Klipfel	Char Klipfel	Char Klipfel
<u>Ushers</u>	Doug & Char Klipfel, Mark & Connie Roettgen	Bob & Lynn Buzzell, Payton Weirich	Ron Savarino, Lowell Johnson, Carsen Serdynski, Madeline King, Tatiana Concepcion Junior Edgerton
<u>Acolyte</u>			

### **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 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; **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); **Oleta Partl** (gallbladder surgery); **Pam Novak** (healing after a fall), **Mike Huber** (healing after surgery).



**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 Guzewicz's anatomy professor, as she mourns the death of her mother, and the family of Larry Wetzel, as they mourn his recent death, 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.***

***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

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!**

My family and I would like to thank everyone who has given us cards of appreciation and gifts during the month of October for *Church Worker Appreciation Month*. I am so humbled and thankful to be your Pastor here at Grace and my wife is so grateful to be Grace Lutheran School's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher and that our children are able to go to school here. We feel so blessed to be here at Grace and to work among you in sharing the love of Jesus with those in our Church, School, ECC, and our surrounding community. God's blessings to you all!!! From, Pastor Taggatz & Family.

## Veteran's Day Recognition

We would like to honor those that served in the military, past and present in our prayers during worship on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Please let our Church office know by Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> if you would like us to honor a family member or friend who has served in our nation's military. With our hearts filled with gratitude and eyes filled with tears, we thank all you brave men and women who sacrificed so much, so that we could have a better life and a country to call home. Thank you so much.

*"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong."*



1 Corinthians 16:13

## Rise and Sonshine Bible Study

- Saturday-November 12 8am-9:30am
- Meeting at school
- *Having a Mary Spirit in a Martha World* study continues.

## Grace Ladies Guild

- Saturday-November 12-10:00am-11:30am
- Meeting at school
- We will be crafting to make binder clip photo holders for our shut-in members!
- Bring along your scraps of ribbon, buttons, dried flowers, scrapbooking paper, AND DON'T FORGET YOUR GLUE GUN!

## 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.

**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.

**Grace Lutheran School's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Pajama Drive – November 1<sup>st</sup> thru 28<sup>th</sup>!**

Grace Lutheran School is partnering with Scholastic Books by working together to bring pajamas and books to the children of Knapp Elementary School in Racine. New pajama donations, sizes newborn to 12 years will be accepted. Our goal is 100 pairs of pajamas. Donations can be dropped off at the school/church office. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION!**

**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).

**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.

**Stewardship Minute**— In Scripture, we see how God has used the testimony of people faithful in their giving to encourage the giving of others. In the book of Acts, we read of Barnabas' gift of property. *“Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet”* (Act 4:36-37). His gift was an encouragement for others to give. Among the believers, none lacked food or shelter, because those with surpluses were encouraged to share with those in need. Our giving can be a witness to our families, church, and potentially to our neighborhoods. May God grant us His grace to give, so that our giving can be a testimony of our faith to others.

## 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 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.

### IN THE WORD FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY (OBSERVED)

**Catechism:** Creed—Third Article

**Verse of the week:** Ephesians 2:1, *“You He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins.”*

**Psalm of the week:** Psalm 104:24-35

**Hymn of the week:** (LSB 798 “The God of Abraham Praise” (stanzas 1 and 8)

**Bible Readings for the Week:**

Sunday—“As in the Days of Noah”—Luke 17:20-30

Monday—Abraham Prays for Sodom—Genesis 18:16-33

Tuesday— The Three Visitors—Genesis 18:1-15

Wednesday— Sodom and Gomorrah Are Destroyed—Genesis 19:1 (2-11) 12-29

Thursday— Abraham and Abimelech—Genesis 20:1-18

Friday— Isaac Is Born and Ishmael Is Cast Out—Genesis 21:1-21

Saturday—The Ancient of Days—Daniel 7:9-14

“Tune out the NOISE of the lies, bury yourself deep into God's Word of truth, and go forth with the life-affirming message, dressed in Christ's priestly armor and standing as sentry in prayer!” *Lynette Auch, former president of Lutherans For Life - 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 "Barefoot Saints"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy. Moses heard God speak to him from a burning bush. Where do we hear Him? (Exodus 3:1-6, 7-15) **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

**Growing In Grace  
October 27<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Offering**

<i>General Offering</i>	\$2,446.00	<b>Attendance</b>	111
<i>On-Line Giving</i>	\$873.07	<b>Communed</b>	91
<i>Missions</i>	\$25.00		
<i>Debt Fund</i>	\$0.00		
<i>Mortgage Offering</i>	\$0.00		
<i>Lutheran High</i>	\$100.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,444.07</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!!!

## **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)**

## OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday	11/6	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship-All Saints Day-MITES</b>
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Study
		9:15 am	Sunday School
		<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship-All Saints Day-MITES</b>
Monday	11/7	6:30 pm	Confirmation Class
		6:30 pm	Grief Share Group
Tuesday	11/8	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
Wednesday	11/9	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
		6:30 pm	Council Meeting
Thursday	11/10	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Divine Worship</b>
		7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	11/12	8:00 am	Rise & Sonshine
		10:00 am	Grace Ladies Guild Meeting
Sunday	11/13	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship</b>
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Study
		<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship-Grace School Children Singing</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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