

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

Oak Creek, Wisconsin
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*Celebrate
Teach
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The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 10th & 13th, 2022



"By His Grace you are saved through faith."

Ephesians 2:8



Image: "Straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."
(Luke 21:28b)

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 *"Steadfast and Faithful"*

In today's Readings, we hear warnings about the coming day of the Lord. Such warnings can fill us with fear and questions. But we are also encouraged by God's faithfulness and steadfastness. He protects us from the assaults of Satan. He establishes us and keeps us. He directs our hearts toward love. *"May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ"* (2 Thessalonians 3:5). God grant us such hearts!

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 ✠

Grace Lutheran School Choir (Sunday 10:30am only) “We Believe”

(Following the children singing, they will leave the balcony and go back to their families to worship with them)

Opening Hymn (Thursday night & Sunday 8am only) 738 Lord of All Hopefulness (vs. 1-4)

Confession and Absolution *LSB 203*

Stand

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 121:1-2, 5, 7-8; antiphon: Luke 21:33, read responsively*)

Heaven and earth will | pass away,*

but my words will not | pass away.

I lift up my eyes | to the hills.*

From where does my | help come?

My help comes | from the LORD,*

who made | heaven and earth.

The LORD is your | keeper;*

the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.

The LORD will keep you from all | evil;*

he will | keep your life.

The LORD will keep your going out and your | coming in*

from this time forth and for- | evermore.

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.

Heaven and earth will | pass away,*

but my words will not | pass away.

Kyrie *LSB 204*

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

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 204*

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

2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.

Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day *LSB 205*

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

P Let us pray. O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading *Malachi 4:1-6*

(The day of the Lord is coming.)

¹ "For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

⁴"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

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

Gradual (*Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5, 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.
Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

Epistle Lesson (*2 Thessalonians 3:1-13*)

(Paul warns against idleness.)

¹Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, ²and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. ³But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. ⁴And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. ⁵May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

⁶Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹²Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

¹³As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

- 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.**

Alleluia Verse "*Alleluia. Straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. Alleluia.*" (*Luke 21:28b*)

Holy Gospel *Luke 21:5-28*

(Jesus prophesies the destruction of the temple and Jerusalem.)

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

⁵While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” ⁷And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. ⁹And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.”

¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹²But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake. ¹³This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all for my name’s sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your lives.

²⁰“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, ²²for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. ²⁴They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

²⁵“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

- 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 “All the Household Well Shall Fare” (2 Thess. 3:1-13) 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 508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near (vs. 1-5)

Sermon “God in the Midst of Suffering” (Luke 21:5-28)

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. If it is physically difficult for you to commune at the altar rail, please speak to the Pastor or an elder about receiving communion in your pew.

Distribution Hymns

722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me (vs. 1-3)

617 O Lord, We Praise Thee (vs.1-3)

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 643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing (vs. 1-2)

Announcements

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!



⊗ **Altar Flowers** ⊗

Altar flowers this week are given by Leah Abelt in celebration of her nephew's birthday.

Assisting with the Divine Service

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

	<u>Thursday 6:30pm</u>	<u>Sunday 8:00am</u>	<u>Sunday 10:30am</u>
<u>Elders</u>	Greg Nowakowski	Adam Voss	Richard Jackson
<u>Readers</u>	Pastor Taggatz	Cris Evers	Lisa Kamprath
<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 Mirenda'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; **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; **Oleta Partl** (gallbladder surgery); **Pam Novak** (healing after a fall), **Mike Huber** (healing after surgery); **Dominic** (recovery from a stroke) nephew of Debbie Oelke; and **Doug Thomas** (hospitalized) Julie Thomas' father in law.

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 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.

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

Veteran's Day Recognition

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



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Lauren & Jamie Chapman
-Robert Morgan
-Gilbert Kahle
-David Pankow
-Ben Heinen
-Rob Wurm
-Russ Wurm
-Britnee & Alexander Kobza
-Courtney Tate

-Glenn & Donna Dotson
-Heinz & Derek Poellet
-Ernst Groth
-William Leon
-Ron Savarino
-Art Steinborn
-Darryl Senda
-Jim Retzlaff

Welcome to our New Members at Grace!!! We welcome these new families to Grace as of this past month. We are so happy that you have joined our Church family!!! *Natalie & Andrew Jaskie & family, Brendan Simmons, Brent & Claire Endres & family, and Alice Behling.*

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 1st 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.

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 4th Annual Pajama Drive – November 1st thru 28th!

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.

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 414-423-0010.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP IS A SPIRITUAL ISSUE AND GROWTH IN STEWARDSHIP IS A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY.

“...as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man” (Ephesians 6:6-7).



Stewardship Minute— In Scripture, God called people to fulfill different purposes. Adam was to tend the garden. Noah was to build the ark. Abraham was to become a great nation through whom all the nations of the world would be blessed. Joseph helped his people survive a great famine. Joshua led the conquest into the Promised Land. David was the greatest king of Israel. Solomon was to build the temple. God called each of these people, and they responded faithfully and obediently. Through faith, we also can respond to God’s leading so we can fulfill the purpose that God has given each of us.

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 THE 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Catechism: Lord’s Prayer—Introduction and First Petition

Verse of the week: 1 John 3:2, *“Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.”*

Psalm of the week: Psalm 119:145-160

Hymn of the week: (LSB 525) “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (stanzas 1 and 2)

Bible Readings for the Week:

Sunday— The Sheep and the Goats—Matthew 25:31-46

Monday— Sacrifice of Isaac—Abraham’s Faith Is Revealed—Gen. 22:1-19

Tuesday— Abraham Sends for a Bride for Isaac—Genesis 24:1-28

Wednesday— Rebekah—Gen. 24:29 (30-31) 32-38 (39-41) 42-49 (50-57) 58-67

Thursday— Jacob and Esau—Esau Sells His Birthright—Genesis 25:19-34

Friday— Isaac and Abimelech—Genesis 26:1-11

Saturday— The New Creation—Isaiah 65:17-25

“Respect for God’s chain of authority holds true with the police, legislators, governors, presidents, and judges who have been placed over me. Some I may have chosen willingly, while others I may have voted against or had no say in. Still, we believe God has given them their authority. I may feel a responsibility to oppose their plans or how they perceive and execute justice, but even then, I owe them respect and honor.” *Pastor Dan Guagenti, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Shelbyville, Kentucky - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*
Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. www.word-of-hope.org; 888-217-8679.

LUTHERAN HOUR "Still Holding On" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God's judgment clears the way for God's new creation, in Christ. (Luke 21:28) **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
WTMJ	Milwaukee, WI	620	AM	Sun	5:30 & 6:30 AM

Growing In Grace November 3rd & 6th, 2022

Offering

<i>General Offering</i>	\$7,073.00	Attendance	131
<i>On-Line Giving</i>	\$1,739.68	Communed	93
<i>Missions</i>	\$5.00		
<i>Debt Fund</i>	\$0.00		
<i>Mortgage Offering</i>	\$1,035.00		
<i>Lutheran High</i>	\$0.00		
Total	\$9,852.68		

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

Thanksgiving Eve Service with Communion
“Giving Thanks-The Heart of the Selfless” (Luke 17:11–19)

Wednesday, November 23rd @ 6:30 pm

Advent Midweek 1
“The Angel Gabriel Brings a Message of Hope in the Midst of Unbelieving Doubt” (Luke 1:5–25)

Thursday, December 1st @ 6:30pm

Advent Midweek 2
“An Angel of the Lord Brings a Message of Hope in the Midst of Fear of the Unknown” (Matthew 1:18–25)

Thursday, December 8th @ 6:30pm

Advent Midweek 3
“The Angel Gabriel Brings a Message of Hope in the Midst of the Seemingly Impossible” (Luke 1:26–38)

Thursday, December 15th @ 6:30pm

Advent Midweek 4
“This Present Sign” (Isaiah 7:10–17)

Thursday, December 22nd @ 6:30pm

Christmas Eve:
“A Multitude of the Heavenly Host Announces a Peace Which Brings Renewed Hope” (Luke 2:13–14)

Saturday, December 24th @ 4:00pm, 5:30pm

Christmas Day:
“An Angel Brings Hope with a Sign of God’s Presence in the Newly Born Christ Child” (Luke 2:8–11)

Sunday, December 25th @ 9:30am

NO WORSHIP SERVICE ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

New Year’s Day Worship
“New Year . . . No Fear!” (Romans 8:31b–39)

Sunday, January 1st @ 9:30am

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

OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday	11/13	8:00 am 9:15 am	Divine Worship Adult Bible Study
Monday	11/14	10:30 am 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	Divine Worship Confirmation Class Grief Share Group
Tuesday	11/15	7:00 am	Men’s Bible Study & Breakfast
Wednesday	11/16	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
Thursday	11/17	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Divine Worship Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	11/20	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Divine Worship Adult Bible Study & Sunday School Divine Worship

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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