

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

Oak Creek, Wisconsin
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*Celebrate
Teach
Share
God's Grace*

Thanksgiving Eve Service

November 23rd, 2022

“By His Grace you are saved through faith”

Ephesians 2:8



Image: “My God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”
(Philippians 4:19)

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 your child is using the bathroom during the worship service, we ask that you monitor them so that they are using it in a timely manner. We are glad that you're here!!!

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 “Abounding in Thanksgiving”

The Day of Thanksgiving provides us a special time to pause, reflect, and give thanks to God for His countless blessings in our lives. From our early years, we have likely been told: “Count your blessings!” Can you do that today? As you think about the ways the Lord has blessed you in both body and soul, can you ever count them all? No way! God's blessings are way too numerous! Nevertheless, as we name our blessings and number them, we pause at each one to say, “Thank You, Lord!” Even when we go through difficult and trying times—and perhaps *especially* when we go through difficult and trying times—it is vitally important for us to learn from the Word of God and, echoing what is recorded in its sacred pages, respond to the Lord in gratitude and worship. In today's Epistle, we will see how Paul was taught by times of hardship how he could be content. Paul's awareness of God's ever-faithful provision led him to “*abound*” in thanksgiving! May we do the same today, abounding in thanksgiving to the God who “*will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus*” (Philippians 4:19)!

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...as outlined in your bulletin

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN

“We Praise You, O God” *LSB 785 vs. 1-3*

Stand

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 124:8; 130:3-4*

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to listen to God’s Word, call upon Him in thanksgiving and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ at His very own Table, let us first consider our unworthiness to be invited to the feast of our Savior and confess before Him our sins of thought, word, and deed. Together, as brothers and sisters in Christ, we turn to our gracious Lord for His pardon and peace, seeking His grace and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen! Thanks be to God!**

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 104:24, 27-28, 30; antiphon: v. 33*

Pastor: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

People: **I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

Pastor: O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom have You made them all;

People: **the earth is full of Your creatures.**

Pastor: These all look to You,

People: **to give them their food in due season.**

Pastor: When You give it to them, they gather it up;

People: **when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.**

Pastor: When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created,

People: **and You renew the face of the ground.**

ALL: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

People: **I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 8:1-10*

(You shall bless the Lord your God for the good land He has given you.)

“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 67; antiphon: v. 7 (God blesses His people, and they praise Him!)*

Pastor: God shall bless us;

People: let all the ends of the earth fear Him!

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us,

People: that Your way may be known on earth, Your saving power among all nations.

Pastor: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Pastor: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

People: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

Pastor: God shall bless us;

People: let all the ends of the earth fear Him!

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON *Philippians 4:6-20 (God supplies our needs, and we abound in thanksgiving.)*

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRACE CHOIR

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

Stand

ALLELUIA VERSE *Psalm 136:1*

Pastor: Alleluia. Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 17:11-19 (One of the healed lepers returns to give thanks to Jesus.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

People: 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 \times of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

SERMON HYMN

“Now Thank We All Our God” (LSB 895 vs. 1-3)

SERMON

“Giving Thanks—The Heart of the Selfless” (Luke 17:11-19)

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 web-site 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

Pastor: Let us pray for all those who come before Jesus with songs of gratefulness and praise and for all people on earth, that we may abound in thanksgiving, this day and always.

For all those who worship You in Spirit and in truth; for all members of this congregation and for all the baptized souls who belong to the Body of Christ; for our unity in Christ Jesus and His Word; for our dedication to His mission to bring the Good News to every corner of the world; and for all who gather at the Lord's Table today, that hearts may abound in thanksgiving as we receive the foretaste of the heavenly feast to come. Hear our prayer;

People: we abound in thanksgiving to You, O Lord!

Pastor: For our families and our friends; for our relatives and our neighbors, both those who share our Table today and those who are miles away; for our houses and our homes; for our spouses and our children; for food and drink; for laughter and for tears; and for the memories of past times and the expectation of blessings yet to be, that as we gather to celebrate this Thanksgiving Day we may lift our praises to our gracious Creator and Redeemer. Hear our prayer;

People: we abound in thanksgiving to You, O Lord!

Pastor: For our nation, its leaders, public servants, and those who wear its uniform to protect its people; for the land, the businesses, and the schools in our community, that they may be filled with God's goodness; and for hearts and minds, hands and mouths that are ready to receive their daily bread with thanksgiving, that we recognize every good gift comes from our Father above. Hear our prayer;

People: we abound in thanksgiving to You, O Lord!

Pastor: For the sick, the suffering, and the dying; for those who are hurting in heart, body, mind, and relationship; for those who are hungry and tired, weary and alone, that they may know the healing presence of Jesus and return to Him, fall at His feet, and worship Him; and for those who work to bring needed relief and the Lord's healing touch to all those for whom we pray, [*especially* . . .]. Hear our prayer;

People: we abound in thanksgiving to You, O Lord!

Pastor: With hearts ever grateful and lives ever thankful, we offer these prayers before You, O Lord, trusting that You hear, answer, and bless us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. With grateful hearts abounding in thanksgiving, we praise You, O Lord, for the sending of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who died upon Calvary's cross to destroy the power of our sin and open for us the way to everlasting life. Now that He is risen from the dead and lives and reigns for all eternity, we lift our hearts before You in humble gratitude and never-ending praise. 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 (*Divine Service Setting 4, pg. 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

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

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

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

People: 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 *Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

Pastor: 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 α 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 α 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

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (*Divine Service Setting 4, pg. 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:

"O Lord, We Praise Thee" (*LSB 617 vs. 1-3*)
"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" (*LSB 806*)

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS (Divine Service Setting 4, pg. 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 THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty Father, everlasting God, that You have freely given to us the blessing of Your Son's body and blood. As we go forth from Your Table to share in Your many blessings in our own homes and on our own tables, help us to abound in thanksgiving and love all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Philippians 4:19-20; Numbers 6:24-26*

Pastor: And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

People: **To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Pastor: 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 ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

Sit

CLOSING HYMN

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (LSB 805)

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God!!!**



✠ *Altar Flowers* ✠

Altar flowers this week are given by Pauline Parker
in celebration of Morgan's birthday and in memory of Chet's birthday.

Holiday Worship Schedule for 2022

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 29th.

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)

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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