

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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

New Year's Day

January 1st, 2023

"By His Grace you are saved through faith"
Ephesians 2:8



Image: "Christ, our Lord and Savior dear, Be Thou ever near us. Grant us now a glad new year.
Amen, Jesus, hear us." (LSB 390:4)

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 "New Year . . . No Fear!"

Fear has become an unwelcome companion in this mortal life and even more over the past few years. As the world begins a new one, we are forced to come face-to-face with those fears. By God's grace and favor, we know all that the Lord has done to make us His own and to enable us to live under Him now and to be His in eternity. If this gracious God is for us, then, as Paul asks, who can be against us? We do not need to know what lies in wait for our earthly future if we know the heavenly future we have in Christ. Because God is for us, we have an answer to our fears and live out our days in confidence that we are more than conquerors through Christ, our Lord.

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

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” (LSB 733 vs. 1-6)

Stand

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.

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

Pastor: Merciful Father, we have squandered and abused Your gift of time. We have used Your gift for evil, failed to live as a people set apart, and demonstrated more fear than trust to those around us.

People: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only 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. May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: Amen.

Sit

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Angels from the Realms of Glory” (LSB 367 vs. 1-5)

✠ WORD ✠

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O almighty and gracious Lord, You have overcome all enemies and redeemed us to be Your children and to live under You now and forevermore. Grant us Your grace that our fears may be captive to Your love and our hearts established in the peace of Christ's holy name until we are delivered into Your eternal presence on the day You have appointed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit, You are one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Isaiah 30:8-17*

(Return to Me, and you shall be saved; trust shall be your strength.)

And now, go, write it before them on a tablet and inscribe it in a book, that it may be for the time to come as a witness forever. For they are a rebellious people, lying children, children unwilling to hear the instruction of the LORD; who say to the seers, "Do not see," and to the prophets, "Do not prophesy to us what is right; speak to us smooth things, prophesy illusions, leave the way, turn aside from the path, let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel."

Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel, "Because you despise this word and trust in oppression and perverseness and rely on them, therefore this iniquity shall be to you like a breach in a high wall, bulging out, and about to collapse, whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant; and its breaking is like that of a potter's vessel that is smashed so ruthlessly

that among its fragments not a shard is found with which to take fire from the hearth, or to dip up water out of the cistern." For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel,

"In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength."

But you were unwilling, and you said, "No! We will flee upon horses"; therefore you shall flee away; and, "We will ride upon swift steeds"; therefore your pursuers shall be swift. A thousand shall flee at the threat of one; at the threat of five you shall flee, till you are left like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain, like a signal on a hill.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Hebrews 8:10; 10:17, read responsively*

Pastor: This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel

People: after those days, declares the Lord:

Pastor: I will put My laws into their minds,

People: and write them on their hearts.

Pastor: I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

People: I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.

EPISTLE LESSON *Romans 8:31b-39*

(Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.)

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA VERSE *Psalm 103:17a*

“Alleluia. The steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him. Alleluia.”

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 12:35-40*

(Stay dressed and ready for action.)

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED *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 of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

SERMON HYMN

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (*LSB* 802 vs. 1-4)

SERMON

“New Year . . . No Fear!” (Romans 8.31b-39)

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 the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Silence for prayer and meditation.

Pastor: O Lord, You created all things and filled all time and space with Your mercy and grace. Give to us now the faith to acknowledge that our times lie in Your hands that we live without fear the days You give us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People:hear our prayer.

Pastor: All that exists is sustained by Your power, O Lord. Give us wisdom that we number our days and apply our hearts in wisdom to the things that matter. Give to Your Church faithful pastors who will preach Your Word without compromise and call the unbelieving to faith and comfort the believing, that in all things Christ be glorified and we be saved. Lord, in Your mercy,

People:hear our prayer.

Pastor: You rule all things, O Lord, and those to whom You have entrusted governance are accountable to You. Give to us wise leaders who will hear and heed Your Word, protect life from its natural beginning to its natural end, and defend us against all our enemies. Lord, in Your mercy,

People:hear our prayer.

Pastor: As You have given us so many and great blessings, O Lord, give us also a grateful heart to receive Your goodness and use Your gifts wisely. Accept from our mouths the song of praise and from our hands the tithes and offerings of a grateful heart. Lord, in Your mercy,

People:hear our prayer.

Pastor: From Your grace comes the bread that nourishes our bodies and the Bread of Life that feeds us eternal life. Help us, through repentance and faith, to receive Christ's flesh and blood so that this Communion may nurture us body and soul to everlasting life by the forgiveness of our sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

People:hear our prayer.

Pastor: You are the hope of the troubled, the rest of the dying, and the healer of the sick, O God of grace. Hear us now for those afflicted in body or spirit, that they be sustained through the day of trouble and granted comfort, patience, and perfect healing through Christ, [*especially* . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

People:hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, Your mercies are new every morning, and Your Word is our lamp and our light. Help us so to walk in Your ways that in time of persecution and threat we be steadfast in faith. Guide us, Father, through the uncertainties and anxieties we meet, with the confidence that if we are Yours, we have nothing to fear; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 not only our duty but our delight to give You thanks and praise, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose incarnation delivered to us Your Son to be our Savior and Redeemer, that we may live in Him and under Him, in His kingdom, now and forever. Grant us grace that we may sing Your praise with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host, evermore praising Your holy name and singing:

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, O Lord, God of our fathers, who from the foundation of the world have revealed Yourself to be a God of love and mercy, forgiving the sins of those who repent. We give You thanks and praise that Your Son was born of the Virgin according to Your promise, given the holy name of salvation, and manifested to us in words and works as Your Son and the promised Messiah. Remembering His goodness and mercy and the promise of His flesh as our food and His blood as our drink, we pray You, O Father, to make us worthy to receive this Holy Communion:

People: 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 ✠ 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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor: O Lord God, heavenly Father, having in remembrance our Lord's holy incarnation and birth, His obedient life and life-giving death, His glorious resurrection and ascension, and looking for His coming again in glory as Lord and Judge of all, we pray You to keep us in Your grace through the days of this life, that we may not depart from Him who is the way, the truth, and the life. On the day You have appointed, bring us with all the saints who rest in Your presence, that we may be one people before You in Your kingdom on high, where there is day and no night; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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

**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.

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

"Your Table I Approach" (*LSB 628 vs. 1-6*)
"Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love" (*LSB 900 vs. 1-6*)

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. O God of grace and mercy, in Christ, the light of the world, You have shined Your light into the darkness of our sin. Grant us Your Spirit that we not surrender to fear or despair but live in hope the days You give us, and, kept by Your mercy, receive us into Your arms, where we shall rest until the day of resurrection, when in glorious flesh we shall behold You face-to-face and dwell in Your presence forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

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

“Let Us All with Gladsome Voice” (LSB 390 vs. 1-4)

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!!!



WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

For all who worship this day, bless us through your Word, O Lord. **Chris Evers** (cataract surgery); **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; **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; **Greg Voss** (healing & strength); **Pam Umaski** (healing & strength); **Curt Bayer** (cancer) former member of Grace; **Sindy Schmidt** (healing); **Lynn Seeger** (heart issues) friend of Chris Evers; **Sandra Mallas** (health, peace, comfort) Mother of Lynn Serdyski; **Claire Dotson** (hospice) 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; **Debbie** (healing & strength) daughter in law of Pauline Parker; **Patrick** (healing & strength) neighbor of Marlene Voss; **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; **Pam Novak** (healing after a fall), **Mike Huber** (healing after surgery); **Dominic** (recovery from a stroke) nephew of Debbie Oelke; for **Reagan**; **Pastor Chris Lockie** (heart attack) Pastor of Prince of Peace Caledonia, LCMS; **Brittany** (cancer) daughter of Denise Afelt; **Madelyn Lopez** (hospitalized in a coma) mother of Maddie Lopez, ECC Teacher; **Greg** (cancer) brother in law of Mike & Pat Toman; **Darlene Urbaniak** (cataract 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.

All those on the Grace Prayer Line dealing with long term health and medical issues; Hear our prayer. We encourage you to submit prayer requests for worship and/or our prayer line by emailing: Paulinemom@aol.com.

If you do not have access to a computer you may call:

Prayers for worship:		Church Office	414-762-8990
Requests on prayer line:	10am–3 pm	Carol Thurber	414-762-9615
	3pm-9 pm	Pauline Parker	414-764-5574

We will be holding a special Voters Meeting on Sunday, January 15th, following our 10:30 service. It will be an opportunity to hear all the happenings of the ministries here at Grace and to share information that you may have an interest in. Our goal as always will be to stick to the point, so it will be a short, but informative meeting. All members of Grace 18 years and older are eligible for voting membership, all you need to do is sign in at the meeting. We will have baked goods, coffee, and time for fellowship following the meeting!

Blessings~Tony Mirenda, Church President

New Member Potluck & Grace Ministry Fair in the School Gymnasium on Sunday February 5th, following our 10:30m worship service. On Sunday February 5th we will be having a New Member Potluck and Ministry Fair in our School Gymnasium. During the month of January, we have a sign-up sheet in the Church Narthex requesting our members to bring a main entrée, side dish, and/or desserts for this event. Please plan on coming to our New Member Potluck and Grace Ministry Fair to get a chance to meet and get to know our new members and consider the possibility of serving on a board here at Grace.

Your 2023 Grace Lutheran Offering Envelopes are available in the narthex of the Church. Please feel free to pick your envelopes up and we thank you for your continued support of our Church, School, and Early Childcare Center through the stewardship of your time, talents, and treasures! God bless you! ****Please do not use until January 2023.****

PRAYER PADS/POCKET PADS: Some of the ladies at Grace have been making PRAYER PADS and SMALLER POCKET PADS. They are in the back of church on the card table in a basket. Please take one for yourself and for those who could use one. They are a reminder for us to pray and to know that we at Grace are praying for you. They are an addition to our prayer line and our prayer cards that we have been sending out, since 2020. We have sent out over 1,500 prayer cards. If you would like to help there are cards and stamps on the same table along with Christmas cards.

GOD'S WORD TELLS US THAT WE ARE TO VALUE OTHERS AND TO LOOK TO THE INTERESTS OF OTHERS.

“Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves” (Philippians 2:3).



Stewardship Minute—In the 21st chapter of Luke, we read about a widow who placed two mites into the offering box. Her very small contribution was very meaningful because that offering left her penniless. She gave all that she had. The poor widow placed all her trust in Jesus Who she knew would provide. The poor widow's heart was very pleasing to God. She had an unselfish single-minded generosity. God wants us to give with generous hearts. The amount we give to the Lord is not as important as our motive for giving. God wants us to have trusting, thankful, and generous hearts like the poor widow, willing to give faithfully and generously.

LUTHERAN HOUR "Out of Egypt" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook. *"Out of Egypt I called my son."* With these words the Gospel of Matthew reveals the rich and interconnected history of the young nation, Israel, and the young Savior, Jesus. Follow them on their journeys to discover the true Israel and what He means to your life today. (Matthew 2:13-23) **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.

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"[Jesus] will care for you until you stand before His throne. Trust Him. Seek Him. Serve Him. Love Him. He's your King. He suffered and died for you. He rose for you. He only has words of love and promise to speak to you. So, when all is equal for you on your deathbed, you can rejoice and say, 'Come quickly, my King,' because He has given you the promise, 'You will be with me in paradise.'" Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota - *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.

IN THE WORD FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Catechism: Lord's Prayer—Seventh Petition and Conclusion

Verse of the week: Matthew 7:7-8, *"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."*

Psalm of the week: Psalm 8

Hymn of the week: (LSB 403) "O Savior of Our Fallen Race" (stanzas 1-2)

Bible Readings for the Week:

Sunday—The Circumcision of Our Lord: Luke 2:21

Monday—Purification of Mary & Presentation—Luke 2:21-24

Tuesday—Simeon and Anna Receive the Christ child—Luke 2:25-40

Wednesday—The Epiphany of Our Lord (celebrated)—Matthew 2:1-12

Thursday—The Flight to Egypt & Slaughter of the Innocents—Matt. 2:13-23

Friday—The Boy Jesus in the Temple—Luke 2:41-52

Saturday—Baptism of Our Lord: Isaiah 42:1-7

OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday	1/1	9:30 am	New Years Day Worship
Monday	1/2		NO Confirmation Class
Tuesday	1/3	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
		6:30 pm	Stephen Ministry Meeting
Wednesday	1/4	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
		6:30 pm	All Board's Meeting
Thursday	1/5	6:30 pm	Divine Worship
		7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	1/8	8:00 am	Divine Worship
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Study
		10:30 am	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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