

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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

The 5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 2nd & 5th, 2023

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



Image: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (*Matthew 5:14-16*)

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 “*The Light of the Cross*”

As the liturgical year tells the story of Jesus' earthly ministry, with Christmas still fresh in our memory, it may seem too soon to begin talking about the cross, that instrument of death for the rejected Christ. But as the mysterious star drew the Wise Men to the newborn King of the Jews, so a light draws us to the goal of His mission, the glory of salvation found only in the crucified King of the Jews. How strange it must sound to those who have not heard or who do not yet believe when we sing “*In the Cross of Christ I Glory.*” Only God the Holy Spirit can enlighten a person with the spiritual wisdom of faith. And He does give and strengthen that faith through the preached Word and the Sacraments administered according to Christ's institution. Today, that faith enlightened by the cross of our Lord produces a life of love and good works in all we say and do.

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...LSB Divine Service Setting 4 pg. 203

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Opening Hymn 698

May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill (vs. 1-3)

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.**

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

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

P Let us pray. O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Rite of Holy Baptism (Sunday 10:30am Service only, LSB pg. 268)—We rejoice in the baptism of *Ivy Lee Mendez*, daughter of *Justin & Jennifer Mendez*, on Sunday February 5th. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!!!

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 58:3-9a*

(True fasting, true faith)

³“Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?’ Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting

like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶“Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? ⁸Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual (*Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8, read responsively*)

Praise the LORD, all | nations!*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*

bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

Epistle Lesson *1 Corinthians 2:1-16*

(God’s wisdom revealed by the Spirit)

¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might

understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

- 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 for the 5th Sunday after Epiphany—“*Alleluia. Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Alleluia.*” (Matthew 5:16b)

Holy Gospel Matthew 5:13-20

(The fulfillment of the Law)

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

¹³[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

LSB 206 (Or on the very back page of your hymnal)

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 "The Great Giveaway" (Isaiah 58:5-9) 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)

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 (*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. As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face. 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

427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory (vs. 1-4)
412 The People That in Darkness Sat (vs. 1-5)

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 590

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy (vs. 1-4)

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord
 People: **Thanks be to God!!!**



Altar flowers today are given by Sandy Hamburger for Lucille’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>	Lance Kopperud	Adam Voss	Rick Weeks
<u>Readers</u>	Suzie Mirenda	Glenn Dotson	Derek Poellet
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Jennifer Olen	Kathy Szefflinski	Kathy Szefflinski
<u>Linens</u>	Char Klipfel	Char Klipfel	Char Klipfel
<u>Ushers</u>	Doug & Char Klipfel, Alyson Hengst	Madilyn Hundt, Evie Gamroth	Ron Savarino, Lowell Johnson, Carsen Serdydinski, Madeline King, Tatiana Concepcion
<u>Acolyte</u>		Garrison Hundt	Junior Edgerton

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; Cindy 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; Lisa Lampshire (organ transplants) friend of Dena Guzewicz; Lisa Kamprath's sister (cancer); James (healing & strength) great grandson of Carol Thurber and son of John and Ali Gottwald; Pam Novak (healing after a fall); Dominic (recovery from a stroke) nephew of Debbie Oelke; for Reagan; 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; Dean James (healing & strength) grandson of Donna Smith; Fred & Barb Praxel (healing & strength); Mary (recovery from a stroke) Janine Pieper's aunt; Leigh Schmeiser (upcoming surgery); Kurt Schmeiser (healing & strength); Gail Olen (recovery from surgery), Hadley (recovery from brain surgery) relative of Craig & Lauren Frank; Megan Sheets (difficult pregnancy) Granddaughter of Lowell & Pat Johnson; Judy (poor eyesight) friend of Joy Lussier; Mark (healing & strength) cousin of Jeanne Meyer; Sharon Russell (recovery from surgery); Ginny Schmeiser (healing & strength); Gloria Kilponen (healing & strength)

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.

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow! We thank the Lord that on Sunday February 5th, Ivy Lee Mendez, daughter of Jennifer & Justin Mendez (Jennifer is our 5K teacher here at Grace) and Evie Mae McKinster (in a private baptism following our 10:30am service), daughter of Nina & Paul McKinster, are baptized into the Christian faith through both water and the power of God's Word in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism here at Grace! We praise the Lord that Ivy's & Evie's name are written in God's Book of Life!!!

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

New Member Potluck & Grace Ministry

TODAY Sunday, February 5th after our 10:30am worship service we will be having a New Member Potluck and Ministry Fair in our school gymnasium. 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 2022 Grace Lutheran Giving Statements are available to pick up in the Narthex.

Thank you for your generosity and support of the ministries here at Grace this past year. We couldn't do the work of ministry at our Church, School, and ECC without your prayers and support. God bless you!!!

The Grace Board of Stewardship and ECC present the 2023 Chili Fundraiser. Orders can still be placed for this fundraiser. Chili forms can be dropped off at church, school, or ECC, or contact the ECC office: 414-762-8755. Orders can be picked up after January 30th. The cost for the chili is \$10 per quart. All funds will go towards the ECC. Please see the back table in the narthex to pick up an order form for this Chili Fundraiser. Thanks for your generosity and support of our Grace Early Childhood Center!!!

WE NEED USHERS!!!

We are looking for a few more ushers to be put on our schedule. If you are interested, please contact Sarah at the church office by phone or email (church@graceoakcreek.org). Currently we have a need to fill ushers for our 8am worship services in February, October, April, and December. We will also need ushers for the summer schedule of June through August for our worship services on Sunday mornings at 9am from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Thank you for your willingness to serve as an usher here at Grace!!!

Hunger Task Force - Annual Fund Drive

The Evangelism Board along with the *Hunger Task Force* is holding their Annual Fund Drive **from February 9th through March 19th**. The best way to support the *Hunger Task Force* is to make a monetary donation. The *Hunger Task Force* will then purchase the food to be distributed to those in need. There are envelopes on the table in the back of church to put your donations. The envelopes then can be placed in the offering plate. Checks should be made out to: Grace Lutheran Church. Please write *Hunger Task Force* in the memo section of your check. Thank you in advance for your generosity! *Grace Evangelism Board*.

Grace Lutheran School Open House Do you have a family member or friend looking for a school for their children? We will be hosting an OPEN HOUSE on Monday, February 13th from 4-7 pm by appt. only. They can visit our campus and meet our amazing staff to get a jump start on their process. Appointments can be made by contacting Mrs. Dena in the school office at: 414.762.3655 or email: school@graceoakcreek.org. **Registration opens on February 1st, 2023.

Mission Presentation at Grace On Sunday, February 19, join me, Lisa Kamprath, for a presentation on my short term mission trip to Konin, Poland. I will be sharing some photos, experiences, and information about my mission experience last August. Please join me after the 10:30a.m. service at the day school, for food, fellowship, and fun stories. I will also be collecting donations to send to Pastor Waldek and Ewa Wuntz to help with their mission. Since the unrest in Ukraine, Pastor and Ewa have been working with many refugees and donating to the local food bank. They are also trying to collect enough to add heat to their guest house so it can be used by families looking for a place to stay during this time of unrest. If you can't join us on February 19 but would still like to donate, please see Lisa Kamprath. Below is a link to more information about the specific bible camp I worked at.

<https://servenow.lcms.org/opp/2023-english-bible-camp-poland/>

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Our next New Members class will take place in our Grace Lutheran School building located at 8537 S. Pennsylvania Ave. I am looking to have the New Members Class on Sunday, March 5th from 1:30-5:30pm. Please also let us know if you might need childcare for this event. Whether you have questions about Christ or want to deepen your faith in Him, this class will explore what the Bible says about our God, and how His love gives direction and meaning to your life today and forever. This class is designed for those who are interested in learning or reviewing the foundations of the Christian faith. Attendance at the class may lead to membership in our church, but there are no obligations. Let us know if you might need child-care. Watch an introductory video at: www.lhm.org/GodConnects.

LUTHERAN HOUR "Your Time to Shine" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. Light is necessary for life; God's light, even more so. (Matthew 5:14-16) **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

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL will be starting on the first Sunday of each month from 9:15am till 10:15am starting this week. The class will be taught by Mrs. Lisa Kamprath and will be held at Grace Lutheran School. We will have a topical Bible Study for each time we meet on the issues facing High Schoolers today and we will be able to delve into God's Word to seek guidance on what God says regarding each topic that High Schoolers currently wrestle with. Please join us!

Grief Share Group

No matter what the circumstances, grief recovery is a painful process. Have you or someone you know experienced the death of a loved one recently? We are starting a special seminar and support group that we sponsor for people dealing with the loss of a family member here at Grace Lutheran Church Oak Creek. We understand how deeply grief and loss hurt people and families, and we simply wanted you to know about our Grief Share group. It's a place where many people have found they can begin putting their lives back together again with the Lord's help and with the love and encouragement of His Church.

Our Grief Share grief recovery seminar and support group will meet on Monday evenings at Grace Lutheran School starting on Monday, January 30, 2023. This new Grief Share group will be a 13 week session. The sessions are held in our school library from 6:30 pm to 8 pm. The last session will be Monday, May 1, 2023, taking off on April 10th for Easter. The cost for attending is \$20.00. Grace Lutheran School is located at: 8537 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Oak Creek. Lori Kachelmeier and Jeanne Meyer will be the leaders for this Grief Share Group. Grief Share features nationally recognized experts on grief recovery topics. Seminar sessions include *"Is This Normal?" "The Challenges of Grief," "Grief and Your Relationships," "Why?" and "Guilt and Anger."* For more information or to register: go to the website: www.griefshare.org and enter our zip code "53154" to the left of "find a group" box and do a search. It will bring up our Monday 6:30 pm meetings. For further questions please call Lori Kachelmeier at: 414-828-0290.

**CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP IS THE
PART GOD ALLOWS EACH OF US
TO PLAY IN CARRYING FORWARD
HIS PLAN OF SALVATION.**

"All this is from God, Who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:18).

IN THE WORD FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Catechism: Confession and the Office of the Keys: What is Confession? What is the Office of the Keys? Where is this written? What do you believe according to these words?

Verse of the week: Psalm 51:17, *“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart—These, O God, You will not despise.”*

Psalm of the week: Psalm 18:1-6

Hymn of the week: (LSB 534) “Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor”

Bible Readings for the Week:

Sunday— The Workers in the Vineyard—Matthew 20:1-16

Monday—Jacob’s Blessings Before He Dies—Gen. 49:1 (2-27) 28—50:14

Tuesday— Joseph Continues to Show Mercy to His Brothers—Gen. 50:15-26

Wednesday— The Birth of Moses—Exodus 1:1—2:10

Thursday— Moses Flees to Midian—Exodus 2:11-25

Friday— I AM Appears to Moses in the Burning Bush—Exodus 3:1-17

Saturday—The Power of the Word—Isaiah 55:10-13

Stewardship Minute We could say that a contented person sees his cup half-full rather than half-empty. Do your actions indicate that you are content? The Apostle Paul had learned the secret of contentment, for he realized that, in every circumstance, he was in his Father’s hands. He had been at the point of death several times. He had suffered much, yet he said, *“I have learned to be content whatever the circumstance”* (Philippians 4:11). He found that contentment involves learning to love God and to trust in His will regardless of the circumstances in which he found himself. When we abide in Christ through Word and Sacrament, we find contentment. Realizing and recognizing what we have (the presence of God), rather than lamenting what we lack (nothing if we have Christ), brings us contentment.

How sad as we hear of the overturning of *Roe vs. Wade* by the Supreme Court that so many are acting like this is the worst thing that could happen in our world. Stop and think of what they are arguing about. They want the right to kill a baby in their womb. They want the right to do what they want with their body. It is such a selfish, sinful, and demented way of thinking. Yet, as you hear the arguments and as your kids go off to college, you often feel like you as a Christian are such an uncaring person. My friends, we are all sinners. Imagine what Jesus must think of this. He loves every soul!” *Pastor Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota (6-26-22) – 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.

Lenten Midweek Series for Grace Lutheran Church
Ash Wednesday, February 22 – Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023
"Catechetical Sermon Series: The Ten Commandments"

Join us for this exciting series as we meditate upon Christ's passion in dying on the cross to save us from our sins. Please note: **ASH WEDNESDAY** will be on Wednesday, February 22nd with Holy Communion at 6:30 p.m. There will be no Thursday Evening Service that week. The Lenten Services following Ash Wednesday will be on Thursday nights at 6:30pm without communion. Here is an overview of the series... During Lent, this season of reflection and repentance, we will take a close look at the Ten Commandments our Lord has given to us. Not only do these commands of our Father guide our behavior, but, most important, they remind us of our deep need for the redemption our Father's Son, Jesus Christ, has come to bring by His death and resurrection. How great is our need for forgiveness! Even more so, how great is our Savior who nourishes us with His body and blood and washes us clean!

- Wednesday, February 22nd - 6:30pm (no Thursday service this week) - Ash Wednesday: Commandments Nine and Ten, 1 Kings 21:1–16
- Thursday, March 2nd - 6:30pm Lenten Midweek 2: Commandment Eight, Matthew 26:59–61
- Thursday, March 9th - 6:30pm Lenten Midweek 3: Commandment Seven, John 12:1–8
- Thursday, March 16th - 6:30pm Lenten Midweek 4: Commandment Six, 2 Samuel 11:1–5
- Thursday, March 23rd - 6:30pm Lenten Midweek 5: Commandment Five, 2 Samuel 11:1–27
- Thursday, March 30th - 6:30pm Lenten Midweek 6: Commandment Four, Luke 2:41–52
- Thursday, April 6th 6:30pm - Maundy Thursday (with communion): Commandment Three, Mark 14:12–26; 1 Corinthians 10:16–17
- Friday, April 7th 12pm - Good Friday Worship (no communion): "From a Distance" Matt. 27:55
- Friday, April 7th 6:30pm - Good Friday Tenebrae Service (no communion): Commandment Two, Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9
- Sunday, April 9th - Easter Sunrise (no communion) 6am: Jesus Is Risen! Bodily! Matt. 28:1-10
- Sunday, April 9th - Easter Day 8:30am & 10am (with communion): Commandment One, Mark 16:1–8

Growing In Grace
January 26 & 29, 2023

Offering

General Offering	\$2,099.00	
On-Line Giving	\$1,078.78	
Missions	\$0.00	Attendance 78
Debt Fund	\$0.00	
Mortgage Offering	\$0.00	
Sunday School	\$0.00	
Total	\$3,177.78	

Please note: In order to meet budget each week we need to receive \$6,586 in offerings. Thank you for your generosity and support of the ministries here at Grace. We could not do what we do without your prayers, volunteering of your time and talents, and financial support!!!

OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday	2/5	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	Divine Worship Adult Bible Study Sunday School High School Sunday School Divine Worship New Member Potluck/Ministry Fair
Monday	2/6	6:30 pm 6:30pm	Confirmation Class Grief Share Group
Tuesday	2/7	7:00 am 6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast Stephen Ministry Meeting
Wednesday	1/25	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study Council Meeting
Thursday	2/9	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Divine Worship Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	2/11	8:00 am	Rise & Sonshine Bible Study
Sunday	2/12	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Divine Worship Adult Bible Study 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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