

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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

The 6th Sunday after Epiphany

February 9th & 12th, 2023

"By His Grace you are saved through faith"

Ephesians 2:8

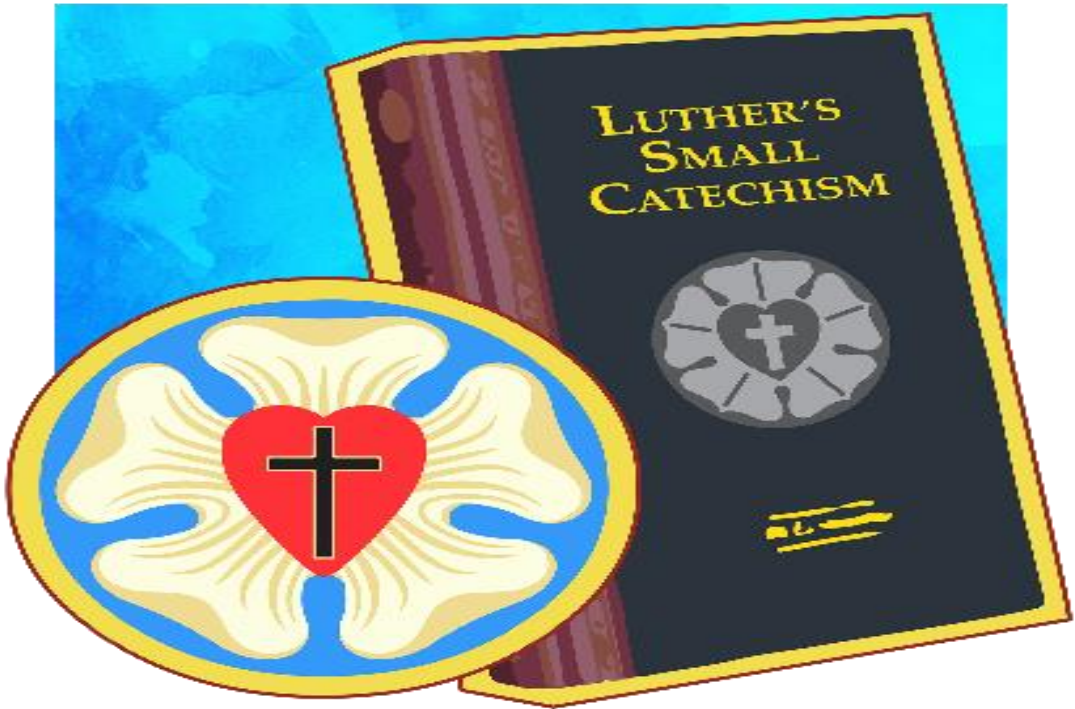


Image: "Help us Your holy Law to learn, To mourn our sin and from it turn In faith to You and to Your Son And Holy Spirit, Three in One." (LSB 865:2)

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 “Teach Us the Gospel Again”

You know the Fifth Commandment: You shall not murder. But do you really know it? *“I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment”* (Matthew 5:22). The disciples needed a little review in today's Gospel. So do we, for its meaning is deeper and more pervasive than we may think. When it comes to matters of the Christian faith and life, we never know it all or remember God's Word consistently. Remember Martin Luther's comment about those who would read the catechism once and then throw it in a corner as if they had already mastered it. Yet he who put it together, though he had advanced academic degrees, knew he needed to study God's Word over and over again. God's Word doesn't change, but we do. New challenges, new situations in life call for new insight and continuous instruction in God's living Word.

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.

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✠ PREPARATION ✠

Opening Hymn 686

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (vs. 1-4)

Confession and Absolution

LSB 203

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

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

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

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

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

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

Introit (*Psalm 98:7-9; antiphon: v. 2, read responsively*)

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;*

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

Let the sea roar, and all that | fills it;*

the world and those who | dwell in it!
Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together be- | fore the LORD,*
for he comes to | judge the earth.
He will judge the world with | righteousness,*
and the peoples with | equity.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;*
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

Kyrie

LSB 204

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

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

C

<p>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.</p>	<p>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—</p>
<p>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.</p>	

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 205

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

P Let us pray. O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

(The offer of life or death)

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

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 3:1-9

(The Church and her leaders)

¹But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? ⁴For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. ⁹For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

- 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 6th Sunday after Epiphany—"Alleluia. Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Alleluia." (*Ephesians 5:2*)

Holy Gospel *Matthew 5:21-37*

(The heart of the Law revealed)

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

²¹[Jesus said:] "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' ²²But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

³¹"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' ³²But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery. And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³"Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but

shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

LSB 206

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Sermon Hymn 394

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (vs. 1-5)

Sermon

-Thursday (6:30pm)—Pastor Jim Klug
Christ in the Old Testament: Too Good to be True (Numbers 14:17-24)

-Sunday (8am & 10:30am)—Rev. Dr. John Buuck
Be Reconciled to One Another (Matthew 5:23-24)

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

577 Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast (vs. 1-4)
865 Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain (vs. 1-4)

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.

2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 212

A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

LSB 212

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 587

I Know My Faith Is Founded (vs. 1-3)

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



✿*Altar Flowers*✿

Altar flowers today are given by Tony & Suzie Mirenda in celebration of Tony's birthday.

Assisting with the Divine Service

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

	<u>Thursday 6:30pm</u>	<u>Sunday 8:00am</u>	<u>Sunday 10:30am</u>
<u>Elders</u>	Greg Nowakowski	Eric Kamprath	Greg Nowakowski
<u>Readers</u>	Kathy Szefflinski	Erica Vitek	Beth Jackson
<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 Serdydski, Madeline King, Tatiana Concepcion Junior Edgerton
<u>Acolyte</u>		Garrison Hundt	

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 Serdydski; **Claire Dotson** (hospice) mother of Glenn Dotson; **Gary Forsythe** (dementia) friend of Carol Loveall; **Lisa Lampshire** (organ transplants) friend of Dena Guziewicz; **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); **Karen** (healing & strength) sister in law of Janine Pieper; **Fred Gamroth** (recovery from car accident).

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 thank Rev. Jim Klug for leading worship and sharing God’s Word with us on Thursday February 9th and **Rev. Dr. John Buuck** for leading worship on Sunday morning February 12th, while Pastor Taggatz and his family are away on vacation in Minnesota for his Grandma Eleanor Taggatz’s 96th birthday. May God continue to richly bless Pastor Klug & Pastor Buuck and their families and ministries to God’s people!!!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Thank you so much to everyone who assisted with the New Member Potluck & Grace Ministry Fair last Sunday February 5th!!! We had over 100 people in attendance at this event and we couldn’t have done it without the help of so many people. Special thanks to everyone who set-up, assisted with putting on the event, who helped clean up, and to those who brought food for all of us to enjoy. God’s blessings to you all!!!

Grace Choir is resuming this Thursday, February 9th. We have practices following our 6:30pm worship services. Please join us for choir at Grace as we make a joyful noise to the Lord!!!

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!!!

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!!!



Easter Lilies/Plants

To help make our Easter celebration more memorable, Milaeger's is offering a beautiful assortment of plants to celebrate the glorious Easter holiday. 1) Sign-up for your preferred flower/plant on sheets posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. 2) Enclose cash or check in the envelopes provided and place in offering basket or hand to an elder. **All money and orders need to be placed by March 5, 2023.**

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*.

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. **Please let us know that you are going to this event by signing up for it. The signup sheet is located in the narthex.** 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.

SAVE THE DATE-March 18th-Bingo Night at Grace

We have a new Fellowship Committee at Grace and would like to announce our first event on Saturday, March 18th at 6:30-8:00pm. It will be a free night of fellowship, fun, food and small prizes. We will be asking you to bring finger foods to pass and drinks for your family. This is a family event for all Church, School, and ECC families. We will have activities for grade school children, kindergarten and up, to keep them entertained. We will NOT be able to accommodate younger children. Please mark your calendars and be sure to sign-up! We will put out the particulars and sign-up sheets at the end of February. We would love to see all of you there!

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!

MOST Ministry Bracelets

Grace Ladies Guild needs your assistance to create 800 Gospel witness bracelets for MOST ministries. MOST Ministries provide short term mission opportunities for individuals to support Christian ministries throughout the world through witness and service. These bracelets are used in the field as evangelism tools! In the narthex is a basket of Ziploc bags, each bag contains material & instructions to create 8 bracelets. Please take a bag, have fun making the bracelets and return the finished bracelets to the basket! This is a great family project for these winter nights! Thank you!
Grace Ladies Guild

Stewardship Minute One of the real joys in life that God gives us is the opportunity to serve and help others. A “thank you” from those we help is nice but even more rewarding is the inner satisfaction which comes from doing something for someone else. Our desire to love and serve our neighbors is our response to the Lord’s love for us. *“We love because He first loved us”* (1 John 4:19). When we commit to a life of service because of Jesus’ love for us, we are fulfilling one of the purposes Christ has for our lives. Service is what we can do with the talents and gifts that God gives us. When we spend time in Christian service, we are fulfilling the request by Christ to *“feed My sheep”* (John 21:17).

**WE STAND IN TOTAL NEED
OF GOD FOR ALL WE HAVE
AND ALL WE ARE.**

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



Grief Share Group – PEOPLE CAN JOIN GRIEF SHARE AT ANY TIME...each of the sessions are made to be standalone sessions that people can benefit from taking. 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.

CELEBRATE THE LORD OF THE NATIONS WITH LWML IN MILWAUKEE — June 22–25, 2023. Convention attendees’ objectives are to “Celebrate our Lord through Word and Sacrament,” “Honor God by serving our neighbors,” and “Proclaim His message to the nations.” Celebrating our salvation through Jesus's death and resurrection is at the heart of who we are as Lutheran Women in Mission. Guided by the Holy Spirit we will “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations.”

IN THE WORD FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Catechism: Sacrament of the Altar: What is the Sacrament of the Altar? Where is this written?

Verse of the week: Acts 2:41a, 42, “*Those who gladly received his word were baptized ... 42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.*”

Psalm of the week: Psalm 1

Hymn of the week: (LSB 895) “Now Thank We All Our God”

Bible Readings for the Week:

Sunday— The Sower and the Seed—Luke 8:4-15

Monday— The Lord Goes with Moses to Egypt—Exodus 4:1-31

Tuesday— Moses Goes to Pharaoh—Exodus 5:1-23

Wednesday— The Lord Promises Deliverance—Exodus 6:1-13

Thursday—The Lord Gives Signs—Exodus 6:28—7:25

Friday— The Plagues—Ex. 8:1-4 (7-10) 13-25, 32; 9:1-4, 7-35; 10:3-6 (7-11) 20-29

Saturday— Strengthen the Weak—Isaiah 35:3-7

“When God tells us He knew us before we were born in our mother’s womb, we can hardly say life doesn’t begin at fertilization. When God tells our days are numbered and He will decide when our life is over, we can hardly ask for our life to be taken prematurely rather than dying a natural death. As you ponder God’s Word and stand up For Life, your witness will have remarkable power and you, only you, will be impactful in your response. So, even if you are going it alone, you can and should contribute to the message For Life, and God will bless your efforts.” *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org* Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. www.word-of-hope.org; 888-217-8679.

LUTHERAN HOUR "Shine Like Stars" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler.

A social media star with a million followers can't possibly know all one million of them. However, there is one really famous Person with billions of followers Who knows--and loves--each one. (1 Corinthians 3:6-7)

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

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 February 2nd and 5th, 2023

Offering

General Offering	\$3,395.25		
On-Line Giving	\$1,486.65		
Missions	\$10.00	Attendance	156
Debt Fund	\$0.00		
Mortgage Offering	\$70.00		
Sunday School	\$0.00		
Total	\$4,961.90		

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	2/12	8:00 am	Divine Worship
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Study
		10:30 am	Divine Worship
Monday	2/13	6:30 pm	Confirmation Class
		6:30pm	Grief Share Group
Tuesday	2/14	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
Wednesday	2/15	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
Thursday	2/16	6:30 pm	Divine Worship
		7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	2/19	8:00 am	Divine Worship
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Study
		9:15 am	Sunday School
		10:30 am	Divine Worship
		12:00 pm	Mission Presentation

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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