

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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

Lenten Midweek 4

March 16th, 2023

"By His Grace you are saved through faith"

Ephesians 2:8



Image: "The Ten Commandments"

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—“Catechetical Series: The Ten Commandments, Commandment Six”

The Bible says King David was a man after God's own heart, and yet he fell into the temptations of lust and the sin of adultery. God gave us His Sixth Commandment to protect us and to bless us. When the Sixth Commandment, or any commandment, is broken, lives can be ruined, as we learn from David's story. In worship, we will see how Christ alone, is the source of healing and forgiveness for all who break God's commands. Only in Christ Jesus do we learn to see our own body as a temple of the Holy Spirit and sex as a good gift to be enjoyed between a man and a woman in holy marriage. As we worship the One who remains faithful to us, may we honor Him with lives of purity.

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 “Glory Be to Jesus”

(LSB 433 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 *Hebrews 4:12; 1 John 1:9*

Pastor: Hearing the Word of God to receive its comfort and power, let us first come before the Lord and examine our lives in light of God’s commandments as we have learned them.

People: For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

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

Pastor: Let us pray together.

People: Heavenly Father, from Your First Commandment telling us that we are to give You first place in our lives, to the Tenth Commandment telling us to be content with what we have, we have sinned against all of them. With not only our deeds, but also in the thoughts of our minds, the lusts of our eyes, and the desires of our hearts we have broken Your Law. We know from Your Holy Word that You are a God of mercy and forgiveness. We ask for Your forgiveness in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, who paid the penalty for our sin by His precious blood.

Pastor: God has told us in His Word, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God!

VERSICLES (*Psalm 51:15; Psalm 70:1, read responsively*)

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,

People: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

People: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

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

Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Sit

✠ READINGS ✠

RESPONSIVE READING (*Ephesians 4:32; 5:21-27, alt., read responsively*)

Pastor: Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

People: Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Pastor: Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

People: For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, His body, and is Himself its Savior.

Pastor: Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

People: Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her,

Pastor: that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

People: so that He might present the church to Himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *2 Samuel 11:1-5*
(King David commits adultery.)

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful. And David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" So David sent messengers and took her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she had been purifying herself from her uncleanness.) Then she returned to her house. And the woman conceived, and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL (*Hebrews 12:2, read responsively*)

Pastor: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

People: the founder and perfecter of our faith,

Pastor: who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,

People: and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

EPISTLE LESSON *1 Corinthians 6:12-20*

(The body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.)

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

Stand

LENTEN RESPONSORY (*LSB, p. 231, read responsively*)

Pastor: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

People: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

Pastor: In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

People: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

Pastor: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

People: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

APOSTLES' CREED

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life T everlasting. Amen.

Sit

SERIES HYMN “These Are the Holy Ten Commands”

(LSB 581 vs. 1, 7, 11-12)

SERMON

“Commandment Six” (2 Samuel 11:1-5)

CATECHISM

Pastor: What is the Sixth Commandment?

People: You shall not commit adultery.

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

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

CANTICLE (*Psalm 141:2 LSB, p. 231, read responsively*)

Lector: Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

People: and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

MAGNIFICAT (*LSB, pp. 231-32, read responsively*)

People: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;

Pastor: for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden. For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed. For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name; and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away. He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his seed forever.

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

✠ PRAYER ✠

KYRIE

People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

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.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

COLLECTS

Pastor: Let us pray. God of love, in Christ Jesus You have married Yourself to Your people as a bridegroom to His bride. Help us to remain faithful to Christ in what we say and do and thereby reflect Your perfect love to the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments. Purify us of all sinful lusts so that we may be Your holy temple. Enable all husbands and wives to live joyfully in the blessing of marriage You have given to them, and enable us all to live faithfully according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, 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 2 *Corinthians 13:14*

Pastor: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.

Sit

CLOSING HYMN

“Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go” (LSB 920 vs. 1-5)

Announcements

P: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

For all who worship this day, bless us through your Word, O Lord.

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

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</u>	<u>Sunday 8:00 am</u>	<u>Sunday 10:30 am</u>
<u>Elders</u>	Greg Nowakowski	Adam Voss	Rick Weeks
<u>Readers</u>	Kathy Szeflinski	Glenn Dotson	Beth Jackson
<u>Communion Set-up</u>		Jeanne Meyer	Jeanne Meyer
<u>Linens</u>	Gail Nowakowski	Gail Nowakowski	Gail Nowakowski
<u>Acolytes</u>			Marty Taggatz
<u>Ushers</u>	Jim Robinson, Andrea Szeflinski, Tommy Szeflinski	Bob Buzzell, Lynn Buzzell, Payton Weirich	Mike Huber, Bob Olen, Eric Kamprath, Drew Salzer, Eddie Taggatz

Easter Breakfast is BACK!!! Our Grace Lutheran Youth Group will be having their Easter Breakfast in the School on Easter Sunday April 9th from 7-8am. We are asking our members to sign up for this event to let us know that you will be coming and also to donate food for the breakfast, as we will be raising funds for our youth group. Thank you for your support of our youth group!!!

CHURCH PICTORIAL PICTURES

Below you will find the directions to sign-up for the church pictorial pictures. All pictures will be taken at church in the narthex.

- ⇒ Thursday, April 13, 2-8:30pm
- ⇒ Friday, April 14, 2-8:30pm
- ⇒ Saturday, April 15, 10:30am-5:00pm

To schedule your photography appointment **online**, simply go to www.ucdir.com, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **wi254** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. **-THERE WILL BE NO RETAKES- Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.** If you do not have a computer but would like to schedule a pictorial picture appointment please call Sarah Anderson, Grace Secretary at 414.762.8990. So far we have 29 households signed up.

Hunger Task Force - Annual Fund Drive TODAY IS THE LAST DAY OF OUR HUNGER TASK FORCE 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. We have currently raised over \$700.00 for Hunger Task Force, thank you for your generosity and support for those in need!!!*

The Grace Lutheran Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 1st at 3pm. DONATIONS NEEDED.

This Easter Egg Hunt will be for preschool through 4th grade, and it will be held at Grace Lutheran School. Our Grace Lutheran Youth Group members and their parents will be helping out with this event. **We are asking for donations of already filled plastic Easter Eggs for this Easter Egg Hunt.** If you would like to drop off your donations, you can do so at church or at our Grace Lutheran School/Church office. We are inviting the families from our Church, School, and Early Childhood Center to attend this event. Please join us!!!

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. 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!

- 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

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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