

# Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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*Celebrate  
Teach  
Share  
God's Grace*

## The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 20<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

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



**Image:** "So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if He were going farther, but they urged Him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So He went in to stay with them. When He was at table with them, He took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. And He vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of the bread."  
(Luke 24:28-35)

# 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 Tagatz. 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 "Hearts Cut, Burning, and Purified"***

Today we see Jesus appear to His disciples on the road to Emmaus. They say afterward that their hearts burned within them as Jesus opened up to them the Scriptures. In the Reading from Acts, those gathered on Pentecost are cut to the heart by Peter's words. And in the Epistle, Peter speaks of purified souls and hearts. It seems our hearts are being greatly affected by Christ. They are cut, burning, and purified by the Word of Christ.

### **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 667

Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses (vs. 1-4)

*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.**

### ✠ WORD ✠

Introit (*Psalm 133; antiphon: v. 1, read responsively*)

Behold, how good and pleas- | ant it is\*  
when brothers dwell in | unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of | Aaron,\*  
**running down on the collar | of his robes!**  
It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of | Zion!\*  
**For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life for- | evermore.**

**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.**

Behold, how good and pleas- | ant it is\*  
**when brothers dwell in | unity!**

**Kyrie**

*LSB 204*

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

**Gloria in Excelsis**

*LSB 204*

**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**

*LSB 205*

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

- P Let us pray. O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

*Sit*

**First Reading Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

*(The Word cuts people to the heart.)*

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . . <sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” <sup>40</sup>And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual** (*adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6, read responsively*)

Christ has risen | from the dead.\*

**[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.**

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;\*

**he has put all things un- | der his feet.**

**Epistle Lesson 1 Peter 1:17-25**

*(The Word of the Lord endures forever.)*

<sup>17</sup>If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, <sup>21</sup>who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup>Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup>since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup>for

“All flesh is like grass  
and all its glory like the flower of grass.  
The grass withers,  
and the flower falls,  
<sup>25</sup>but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

- 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter** *“Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.”* (Romans 6:9; Luke 24:32)

**Holy Gospel Luke 24:13-35**

*(Jesus appears on the road to Emmaus.)*

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning,

<sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup>So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup>but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” <sup>33</sup>And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup>saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

- 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*

**Children’s Message “Killing Jesus” (Acts 2:14, 36-41)** *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)*

**Sermon Hymn 580**

**The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace (vs. 1-4)**

**Sermon**

**“You Crucified Your Savior!” (Acts 2:14, 36-41)**

**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](http://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. For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him. Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**Lord's Prayer**

*SB 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! In the Bible, the Apostle Paul wrote: *Let a person examine himself and so eat of the bread, and drink of the cup (1 Cor. 11:28)*. Before attending the Lord's Supper, ask yourself the following questions:

- *Do I believe that I am a sinner, and am sorry for my sins? (Prov. 28:13; Rom. 3:23; 1 John 1:8-9)*
- *Do I believe that Jesus Christ by His death, offers me forgiveness for all my sins? (Romans 5:8; Col. 2:13; Heb. 9:28; 1 John 1:7)*
- *Do I believe that I receive the body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine (not merely symbolically present?) (Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 10:16; 1 Cor. 11:24-25)*
- *Do I desire to turn from my sinful ways and live a God pleasing life by the power of the Holy Spirit? (Isaiah 1:16; John 8:11; Rom. 6:12)*

If you are unable to answer yes to these questions, please talk to the pastor before communing, as participating without a proper understanding of Holy Communion can be spiritual harmful (1 Cor. 11:27-29). If you can answer yes to these questions, then come with a repentant heart and join us in the reception of the Lord's Supper. Adults and children not yet instructed about Holy Communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

**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

482 This Joyful Eastertide (vs. 1-3)  
585 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide (vs. 1-6)

*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

SB 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 918

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer (vs. 1-3)

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



## 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	Richard Jackson	Brandon Dachel
<u>Readers</u>	Pastor Taggatz	Cris Evers	Lisa Kamprath
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Janine Tuskowski	Kathy Szefflinski	Kathy Szefflinski
<u>Linens</u>	Jennifer Olen	Jennifer Olen	Jennifer Olen
<u>Ushers</u>	Marlene Voss, Lance Kopperud	Andrea Szefflinski, Tommy Szefflinski	Cathy Weeks, Rick Weeks, Amelia Poellet, Dachs, Poellet, Tyler Scheinfeld

## WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*For all who worship this day, bless us through your Word, O Lord.* 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; **Myles King** (blood disorder) son of Matthew & Meredith King; **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); **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 Guziewicz; **Lisa Kamprath's sister** (cancer); **Dominic** (recovery from a stroke) nephew of Debbie Oelke; for **Reagan**; **Brittany** (cancer) daughter of Denise Afelt; **Greg** (cancer) brother in law of Mike & Pat Toman; **Barb Praxel** (healing & strength); **Hadley** (recovery from brain surgery) relative of Craig & Lauren Frank; **Judy** (poor eyesight) friend of Joy Lussier; **Mark** (healing & strength) cousin of Jeanne Meyer; **Karen** (healing & strength) sister in law of Janine Pieper; **Deborah Feller** (healing from Lyme Disease); **Darlene & Jerry Urbaniak's Nephew** (Alzheimer's); **Jim** (Parkinson Disease) friend of Sharon Iseli; **Janine** (breast cancer) sister in law of Jeanne Meyer; **Pastor Dwight** (prostate cancer) friend of Wally & Margie Spaeth; **Linda** (brain cancer) friend of Carol Thurber; **Bryan** (cancer) friend of Wally & Margie Spaeth; **Jenny Rice** (cancer); **Hazel Hermann** (hospice) mother of Terri Meyer; **Bob Morgan** (healing & strength); **Dale** (cancer) friend of Rick & Cathy Weeks; **Cathy** (healing & strength) friend of Jill Nowack; **Mr. Stachowiak** (healing & strength) friend of Sharon Iseli.

**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.

**We mourn** with the family of **Gary Marta**, a former parishioner of Pastor Taggatz, who fell asleep in Jesus recently, and the family and friends of **Cyndi**, a friend of Marlene Voss, who was also called home to heavenly rest. **We pray:** Almighty God, Father of mercies and God of all comfort, deal graciously with the family and friends of **Gary Marta & Cyndi**, that casting every care on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Comfort them with the promise that because Jesus lives, we too shall live and have eternal life in His name. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***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](mailto: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

**Your Easter Flowers can be picked up in the chancel area following worship.**

Thank you for beautifying our sanctuary for the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection from the dead. Your flowers should be labeled so that you are able to find them. Also, there are bags available in the vestry to transport your flowers home.

**Welcome to our new members here at Grace!!!** This month of April we welcome new members here at Grace, they are as follows: *Sharon Bzdawka, Karina Penn, and Melissa & Rick Swainston, and their children Jackson & Logan.* Earlier in the month of January we welcomed *Phil & Sue Herzog* into our congregation as well. Welcome to our church family, we are so glad that you are here!!!

**Our Grace Fellowship Board has planned some time for our church members to have fellowship with one another, they are as follows** - TODAY April 23 (after both Sunday morning services) and on Thursday, April 27, following our 6:30pm worship. For our Fellowship time on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, it will be after the 10:30am service, and we will have our *Ice Cream Social*. Please join us for a chance to have fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

**CALLING ALL GRADUATES!!!** Graduation is coming up for our 8<sup>th</sup> Graders at Grace Lutheran School, but also for those in our congregation that are graduating from High School and College. On Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> we will be acknowledging those in our congregation that are graduating from 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, High School, and College. We are asking that any High School or College age students of our congregation that are graduating would join us for this event. They may also wear their cap and gown to be recognized for their graduation. Please let us know what school they are graduating from, and if it is from college, what is their major? We will publish this information in the church's bulletins on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Please email this info to our Church Secretary, Sarah Anderson at: [church@graceoakcreek.org](mailto:church@graceoakcreek.org)

**Your 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Giving Statements are available in the Narthex.** Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support of the ministries here at Grace!!!

**Voters Meeting at Grace on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> following our 10:30am worship service.** At this Voters Meeting we will be presenting our proposed budget for the next year. We will also have Board updates, a report from Pastor Taggatz, discuss about the church & school furnace fundraiser, the treasurer's report, and we will have an update on new members at Grace. Please plan on attending the Voters meeting, as your support and involvement in our ministries here at Grace is deeply needed and appreciated. The election of officers will take place at the Voter's meeting in June of this year.

### **Are You Interested in Serving on a Church Board?**

Elections are coming up for various boards at our Church at our June Voter's Meeting. Do you feel called to serve in leadership here at Grace Lutheran Church? Please consider contacting the Church Office and we will let you know what responsibilities each board position has. We will also connect you with the current board members who are serving so that you can ask them questions pertaining to their current board responsibilities. The term of service is three years, and your service would begin in July of 2023. Please call the Church Office for what board positions are currently available for the next term.

### **Grace Lutheran School Diaper Drive**

"Be the Yellow" Campaign is a diaper and wipe drive to show kindness to those in need. Are you in need of diapers or wipes? Stop by Grace Lutheran School on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> between 3-4:30pm and receive some for FREE! Diapers will be packaged in new bags by size. Pull up in the circle, let us know what size you need and we will bring them out to you! You don't even need to get out of your car!

**Please Submit your Family Pictures For The Pictorial Directory If You missed The Directory Photo Shoot**-We are asking those families who were unable to have their picture taken for the pictorial directory to submit their pictures to the church office so that we can add them to the upcoming directory. You can submit your photos to our our Church office email at: [church@graceoakcreek.org](mailto:church@graceoakcreek.org). Please submit your photos by no later than Monday May 1st. We look forward to sharing the new Pictorial Directory with you soon!!!

### **Church & School Furnaces Needed**

We are currently in need of funding for our aged furnaces at our school and at our church. This fundraiser is to replace the 7 remaining furnaces at our school and the boiler at our church. All units are over 20 years old. The goal is \$50,000. Please prayerfully consider donating above and beyond your general offerings. There will be offering envelopes in the narthex and a donation box for your offerings. Thank you for your ongoing support of our ministries at Grace! God bless you! **Currently we have raised over \$7,040 for the Church & School furnace fund, thank you for your support!!!**

### **Vacation Bible School at Grace**

Please mark your calendars!!! We will be having our Vacation Bible School at Grace Lutheran School on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:30pm. Our theme for VBS this year will be *Road Trip Route 3:16* and children ages 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be able to attend. There will be a special Parent and Child class for those children under 3. If you are interested in helping out with VBS, please contact our Sunday School Superintendent Jill Nowack at: [sundayschool@graceoakcreek.org](mailto:sundayschool@graceoakcreek.org)

## **USHERS NEEDED/USHER DUTIES**

We are in critical need of ushers for both Thursday and Sunday services. If you have thought about being an usher but are concerned about the duties, please don't be. Here are some of the main duties:

- Arrive 20 minutes before service
- Pass out bulletins
- Collect offerings
- Usher people for communion
- Clean up after service

If you are interested, please contact Pastor or Sarah at the church office by phone (414)-762-8990 or email: church@graceoakcreek.org.

## **LWML Convention-June 22-25**

Besides all the servant events, golf event, mission walk, voting going on at convention, we also offer a variety of tours in Milwaukee and surrounding areas! Tours offered include: pedaling a 16-person bike around the town with stops along the way, travel back in time at Old World Wisconsin, tour ethnic bakeries, enjoy a narrated tour of churches with a side stop for chocolate. There are many more tours to consider...go here for additional information and to register: [www.lwml.org/2023-convention](http://www.lwml.org/2023-convention).

## **Lutheran Schools Night at American Family Field**

Saturday, May 13 ~ 6:10 pm

*Milwaukee Brewers vs. Kansas City Royals*



### **NEW THIS YEAR**

Families can order their tickets online and pick the section and seats they want. If you are ordering tickets for a group, you can forward tickets via text or email to the individuals Ballpark App. You can also purchase a parking pass in advance.

Purchase your tickets online at: <https://fevogm.com/event/lutheranschools2> by April 20.

These are the seats available: Loge Outfield Box (LOB)...this is where our group has been in past years, Loge Infield Box (LIB) and Field Infield Box (FIB).

Tickets: \$23-\$59

Questions? Contact Robin, SWD office, [mueller@swd.lcms.org](mailto:mueller@swd.lcms.org)



**CELEBRATE THE LORD OF THE NATIONS WITH LWML IN MILWAUKEE — June 22–25, 2023.** Song Leader Dr. Dina Vendetti will be singing praises to our Lord as she helps attendees “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations”. Dina is a former LWML Young Woman Representative (YWR) and a past Lutheran school principal. She has two loves — Jesus and music. For the fifth time at an LWML Convention, Dina will share her love for Jesus through music. Come and sing along with the women and men attending the LWML convention.

### **Stewardship Minute**

The words of Matthew 20:28, “*Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many,*” remind us that the life of Jesus was one of total sacrifice. Jesus wanted to develop that same servant heart in His disciples and now us. He said in Matthew 20:26, “*...whoever would be great among you must be your servant.*” He lived for His heavenly Father and for others. Just as Jesus served His Father, He calls us to serve Him as well. Being conformed to the image of Christ, we will take on the role of servants. We are called to give our time, energy, and effort to serve others. As Christians we are to live lives full of service and compassion.

**WE LIVE BY FAITH IN JESUS, WHO  
GAVE HIS LIFE FOR US AND CAME  
THAT WE MIGHT LIVE A FULL  
LIFE.**

“I came that they may have life and have it abundantly” (John 10:10b).



## IN THE WORD FOR 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Catechism:** Ten Commandments—7-8 (Primary Texts) Table of Duties—To Wives: Ephesians 5:22; 1 Peter 3:5-6

**Verse of the week:** John 11:25-26a, *“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. 26a And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.”*

**Psalm of the week:** Psalm 23

**Hymn of the week:** (LSB 486) “If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death” (stanzas 1-2)

**Bible Readings for the Week:**

Sunday—“I Am the Good Shepherd”—John 10:11-16

Monday— The Way the Truth and the Life—John 14:1-6

Tuesday— St. Mark, Evangelist: Mark 16:14-20

Wednesday— I Am in the Father and the Father in Me—John 14:7-11

Thursday— If You Love Me, Keep My Commandments—John 14:12-18

Friday— Fellowship with the Holy Trinity—John 14:19-26

Saturday— The Lord Does Not Faint—Isaiah 40:25-31

“I encourage everyone that I meet with to check my words and teaching against God’s Word. Ask questions, challenge everything by that Word. I want them to know Jesus and to have that faith which says, ‘This is what Jesus says, I am forgiven! I am set free! I am serving and living as a disciple of Jesus! I will go into heaven because of Jesus! ... I am part of God’s family!’” *Pastor Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)* Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. [www.word-of-hope.org](http://www.word-of-hope.org); 888-217-8679.

**LUTHERAN HOUR "The Man Who Will Be King"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
Anticipation, preparation, and action are the traits that make great leaders--and great followers of Christ, the King of kings. (1 Peter 1:13) **The Lutheran Hour can be heard any time on the internet at: [lhm.org](http://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

## Growing In Grace April 12<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Offering

General Offering	\$3,470.25	
On-Line Giving	\$1,032.18	
Missions	\$10.00	<b>Attendance</b> 112
Debt Fund	\$0.00	
Mortgage Offering	\$100.00	
Lutheran Schools	\$100.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,712.43</b>	

**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	4/23	<b>8:00am</b> 9:15am 9:15am 10:30am 11:30am	<b>Divine Worship</b> Fellowship Fun Time Adult Bible Study <b>Divine Worship</b> Fellowship Fun Time
Monday	4/24	6:30pm	Grief Share Group
Tuesday	4/25	7:00am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
Thursday	4/27	<b>6:30pm</b> 7:30pm	<b>Divine Worship</b> Fellowship Fun Time
Sunday	4/30	<b>8:00am</b> 9:15am <b>10:30am</b> 11:30am	<b>Divine Worship</b> Adult Bible Study <b>Divine Worship</b> Voter's Meeting

## 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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