

# Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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

## Easter Sunday Service

April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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



Image: "He is not here, for He has risen." (Matthew 28:6)

# 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 One”**

Easter is the queen of feasts. As Paul reminded us, *“If Christ has not been raised . . . your faith is in vain”* (1 Corinthians 15:14). *“If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied”* (v. 19). Yet it is a struggle for us to keep our Easter faith for more than a Sunday or a season. We are daily bombarded by sin and its death, by temptation and its doubt, by hopelessness and its despair. This is why we follow the events of our Lord's life in the Church Year, which reaches its climax in the resurrection of our Lord. We are not who we were. We have been raised in Christ to live new lives. Putting Him first, this begins with the joyful affirmation of Christ's own victory and our appropriation of that victory to our own lives by faith. This joy compels us to share with others what we have received.

### **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 the bulletin

### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**ENTRANCE RITE** *The invocation takes place from the entry into the nave; the procession begins here and commences with the singing of the hymn. The procession includes crucifer with cross and Pastor.*

**Pastor:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People:** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Stand*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

LSB 457 vs. 1-4

### INVOCATION

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

**People:** Amen.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:** Intending to receive from our Lord the blessed food of Christ’s flesh for the life of the world and His blood, which cleanses us from all sin, let us confess our sins to God our Father.

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

**Pastor:** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

**People:** Amen.

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

### PSALM *Psalm 16*

*(You will not abandon Your servant to death.)*

**Pastor:** Preserve me, O God,

**People:** for in you I take refuge.

**Pastor:** I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord;

**People:** I have no good apart from you.”

Pastor: As for the saints in the land,

**People: they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.**

Pastor: The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;

**People: their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.**

Pastor: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;

**People: you hold my lot.**

Pastor: The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

**People: indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

Pastor: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

**People: in the night also my heart instructs me.**

Pastor: I have set the LORD always before me;

**People: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

Pastor: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

**People: my flesh also dwells secure.**

Pastor: For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

**People: or let your holy one see corruption.**

Pastor: You make known to me the path of life;

**People: in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

#### **SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Mighty Lord, Your own Son left the darkness of the grave to rise and show forth His glorious body as the firstborn of the dead. As You have united us to the cross of Christ by Baptism, so raise us up to newness of life that we may recall our Lord's resurrection with joy and live it out by the power of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

*Sit*

**Grace Choir (8:30 and 10am only)**

**"Touched by Grace"**

✘ WORD ✘

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Jeremiah 31:1-6*  
(*I have loved you with an everlasting love.*)

“At that time, declares the LORD, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people.” Thus says the LORD: “The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines and shall go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when watchmen will call in the hill country of Ephraim: ‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.’”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Grace Choir (8:30 and 10am only)

“You Get the Glory”

**EPISTLE LESSON** *Colossians 3:1-4*  
(*If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above.*)

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**VERSE** *2 Timothy 1:10b*

**People: Alleluia. Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 16.1-8*  
(*The resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED *Nicene Creed*

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

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

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\times$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

**SERMON HYMN**

“With High Delight Let Us Unite” (LSB 483 vs. 1-3)

**SERMON**

“The First Commandment” (Mark 16:1-8)

### **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**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ and for all people according to their needs. You made us Your own children in the waters of Baptism, and we were raised up in Christ for new and everlasting life. Guard what You have begun in us and strengthen our faith so that we may rejoice in Your gift, live as the people of Your grace, and proclaim Your saving victory to the world. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:**hear our prayer.

**Pastor:** You sent forth Your Son that He might redeem Your lost creation and win for You new sons and daughters who trust in Your Word. Give us confidence in Your Word that we may not doubt nor fear but be kept in hope to the day of Christ’s coming again. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:**hear our prayer.

Pastor: You established the Church as the Body of Christ and made us members of that body by Baptism and faith. Grant Your blessing to *Pastor Matt Harrison*, President of our Synod, *Pastor John Wille*, our District President, *Pastor John Taggatz*, our Pastor, and all church workers that they may preach and teach faithfully and so strengthen us in faith for good works that testify to what we believe and serve our neighbor in love. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:hear our prayer.**

Pastor: You bore the burdens of our flesh in Your Son, Jesus Christ. Visit with grace the sick and those who suffer to heal and restore them, to sustain them in the day of their trouble, and to provide them with patience that they may endure, [*especially . . .*], and those whom we name before You in our hearts. [*Silent prayer*] Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:hear our prayer.**

Pastor: You set Your seal upon all those who govern and command them to lead honorably in the pursuit of justice, the protection of liberty, and preservation of virtue. Give wisdom and integrity to *Joe Biden*, our President, and all who serve us in this nation, state, county, and city. Guide them in what is good and right, bring peace to the nations, and protect those in the armed forces who defend us at home and abroad. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:hear our prayer.**

Pastor: You give us the richest of blessings and surround us with the favor of Your love. Help us to use Your resources wisely and not to squander what has been entrusted to our care. Receive these tithes and offerings as signs of our gratitude and symbols of our faith. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:hear our prayer.**

Pastor: You set Your Table among us in the presence of our enemies. Fill us with Your Spirit and faith to receive the blessed food of Your Son's body and blood for the strengthening of our faith and the equipping of Your people for the good works that display Your glory and love for our neighbor. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:hear our prayer.**

Pastor: You are the hope of all, and those who depart in faith live in You. Bring us at last with them to the resurrection, when our baptismal hope is fulfilled and we enter into Your everlasting kingdom in the blest reunion with those who have gone before and in celebration of the marriage feast of the Lamb without end. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:Amen.**



## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: We give You thanks, O Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, praising You for sending Him to be our Savior and Redeemer and raising Him from the dead so that we may be restored to everlasting life. As we have received this blessed new life in Baptism, keep us in this faith and hope until the day when we and all the dead shall rise with Christ to our own joyful resurrection and join in the blest reunion of the saints in the life that is to come, where, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we glorify You and join the unending hymn:

### SANCTUS *LSB 208, Divine service setting 4*

- C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We give You thanks, almighty God, because You loved Your creation even when Your people loved You not. You sent forth the promise of our redemption and kept this promise alive through the ages by the prophets until Your Word became flesh in Your Son, Jesus Christ. You revealed Him as Your own Son in the flesh, who for us and for our salvation lived perfectly the life we were created to live and died to offer the perfect sacrifice to pay our debt to sin. As He was raised to life on Easter Sunday and lives even now to save all who call upon His name, prepare us that we may rejoice in His victory, live in Him by Baptism and faith, and receive His very gift of Himself in this blest communion.

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying:

“Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✕ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

**Pastor:** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

**People:** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *Revelation 22:20*

**Pastor:** Remembering the life our Lord offered, the sacrifice of His death, and His victorious resurrection from the dead, we pray You to keep us in this holy faith and joy, now, throughout our earthly life, and even to everlasting life when we shall be one with Him and all the faithful in the marriage supper of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end.

**People:** Through Him, with Him, and in Him, all honor and glory are Yours, almighty Father, both now and forever. Amen.

**Pastor:** As our Lord has taught us, we are bold to pray:

### **LORD’S PRAYER** (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

**People:** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

### **PAX DOMINI**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**People:** Amen. Come, risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.

### **AGNUS DEI** *LSB 210, Divine service setting 4*

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

"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won" (LSB 490 vs. 1-5)  
"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" (LSB 633 vs. 1-8)

Stand

## NUNC DIMITTIS LSB 211, Divine service setting 4

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

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

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good!

**People: His mercy endures forever!**

Pastor: Bless we the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, You did not abandon Your people to the sin and death we freely chose, but You sent Your own Son to save us. By His death and resurrection, we have been rescued from our sin and delivered from death. When we were baptized, You marked us as the people of Your promise and gave us new and everlasting life. Help us to rejoice in this good news and daily live in this grace and hope for our sake and for the sake of the world. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

**People: Amen.**

*Sit*

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” (LSB 461 vs. 1-4, 5 & 8)

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>Sunday 6:00am</u>	<u>Sunday 8:30am</u>	<u>Sunday 10:00am</u>
<u>Elders</u>	Greg Nowakowski	Adam Voss	Derek Poellet
<u>Readers</u>		Glenn Dotson	Derek Poellet
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Lynn Buzzell	Lynn Buzzell	Lynn Buzzell
<u>Liners</u>	Jennifer Olen	Jennifer Olen	Jennifer Olen
<u>Ushers</u>	Andrea Szefflinski, Tommy Szefflinski		Cathy Weeks, Rick Weeks, Amelia Poellet, Dachs, Poellet
<u>Acolyte</u>			Marty Taggatz

## 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 Serdynski; **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); **Pam Novak** (healing after a fall); **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; **Fred** (Heart issues) Brother in law 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); for the **9 soldiers** who died in a helicopter accident in Fort Campbell, Kentucky; For the **Staff, Students, and families affected by the Covenant Christian School shooting** in Nashville, TN.

*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 **James Giambi**, who was called home to heavenly rest. *James* is Donna Dotson's sister-in-law's nephew. **We pray:** Almighty God, Father of mercies and God of all comfort, deal graciously with the family of *James Giambi*, and all who mourn his death, that casting every care on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Comfort them in 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

**REMINDER** – Midweek worship this week is on Wednesday, April 12...NOT on Thursday! This is due to the pictorial pictures which are being taken at church.

### **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](http://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.

**Special Voter's Meeting Sunday April 16th following 10:30am service**--Mr Gettelman, our Principal, has informed us that we are projected to have about 110 students by this Fall in our School. Because of this our Board of Education has deemed it necessary to split our 3rd and 4th grade classroom. We are looking to extend a contract to a 3rd Grade teacher for this Fall and we are planning to have a brief Voter's meeting on Sunday April 16th following our 10:30am service to discuss this with our members. We hope that you can make the meeting to learn about the exciting things that are happening at our Lutheran School!!!

### **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.

### **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 \$6,820 for the Church & School furnace fund, thank you for your support!!!**

**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.

**CELEBRATE THE LORD OF THE NATIONS WITH LWML IN MILWAUKEE — June 22–25, 2023.** Former LWML Vice President of Special Focus Ministries Kaye Wolff (2015–2019) will lead attendees in Bible study focusing on the convention Scripture, *Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man;* (Psalm 33:12–13). Kaye works with LCMS Black and Ethnic Ministries, and the Multiethnic Symposium Committee of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Kaye encourages women of all ages, cultures, and abilities to become more involved in the LWML where they grow together in the Word and service.

### **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](mailto:church@graceoakcreek.org).

### **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!

### **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).



### Stewardship Minute “Go and Tell Christ Is Risen!”

In 1 Corinthians 15, the Resurrection Chapter, the Apostle Paul writes, “What I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins...that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures ...” (1 Corinthians 15: 3). Through Christ’s Resurrection, God assures us that we are forgiven and that we, too, will rise again. Surely this is the message of first importance that we as stewards of our Risen Lord and Savior will desire to pass on. Go and tell that Christ is risen!

The text "He is Risen" is written in a large, elegant, black cursive font. The letters are connected and flow together, with a prominent 'H' and 'R'.

**Prayer:** *Dear Lord, without Your gracious aid I would be forever in the depths, forever bound to sin, forever lost. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and life You have given me through Your Son, Christ, my Redeemer. Help me boldly go out and tell others that Christ is risen! In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.*

**Blessing on your stewardship journey!**

## IN THE WORD FOR EASTER SUNDAY

**Catechism:** Creed—The Third Article

**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 16

**Hymn of the week:** (LSB 459) “Christ Is Arisen”

**Bible Readings for the Week:**

**Sunday**—The Resurrection of Our Lord: John 20:1-18

**Monday**—The Emmaus’ Disciples—Luke 24:13-35

**Tuesday**— The Breaking of the Bread—Luke 24:36-49

**Wednesday**— The Resurrection Catch—John 21:1-14

**Thursday**— Jesus Reinstates Peter—John 21:15-25

**Friday**— The Song of Moses—Exodus 15:1-18

**Saturday**—The Valley of the Dry Bones—Ezekiel 37:1-14

“Our true identity turns us back toward our Creator, the one who not only made us but also defines us in His Word. So, permit me to remind you of that truth once more: You are a created child of God. You are handmade by Him, loved by Him, redeemed by Him, and sustained by Him. The gifts you possess are gifts He’s given you; all that is good comes from Him. Your identity and your value are, always were, and always will be, found in Him.” *Michelle Bauman, Y4Life - 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 "He Is Risen, Indeed"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Christ's resurrection affects everyone—even those who don't believe it happened. (Matthew 28) 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**  
**March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

**Offering**

<i>General Offering</i>	\$4,592.00	
<i>On-Line Giving</i>	\$1,150.03	
<i>Missions</i>	\$0.00	<b>Attendance</b> 168
<i>Debt Fund</i>	\$200.00	
<i>Mortgage Offering</i>	\$170.00	
<i>Sunday School</i>	\$0.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,112.03</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	4/9	<b>6:00am</b> 7-9:00am	<b>Easter Sunrise Service</b> Easter Breakfast
		<b>8:30am</b> <b>10:00am</b>	<b>Easter Day Service</b> <b>Easter Day Service</b>
Monday	4/10	6:30pm	Grief Share Group
Tuesday	4/11	7:00am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
Wednesday	4/12	9:30am	Ladies Bible Study
		<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Divine Worship</b>
Thursday	4/13		GRACE PICTORIAL PICTURES
		6:30pm	Council Meeting
Friday	4/14		GRACE PICTORIAL PICTURES
Saturday	4/15	8:30am	LWML SWD Heart2Heart Sisters Event
		9:00am	Zone 1 Spring Rally
			GRACE PICTORIAL PICTURES
Sunday	4/16	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Divine Worship</b>
		9:15am	Adult Bible Study
		9:15am	Sunday School
		<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Divine Worship</b>

## 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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Choir Director	Mrs. Kathy Kolb	
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