

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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

Easter Sunrise Service

April 9th, 2023

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



Image: "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." (*Colossians 3:1-4*)

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 "Jesus Is Risen! Bodily!"

Ever since Pontius Pilate worried that someone would steal the body of the crucified Jesus and claim that He had risen from the dead, many have doubted and called the resurrection a lie. But Jesus is risen bodily from the dead. Today, the Holy Church throughout the world boldly testifies to the fact that Christ is risen. Still, this fact remains an article of faith. Such faith is not a result of mere imagination, however, but is the very creation of God the Holy Spirit by the mighty Word of God handed down to us by the testimony of many witnesses. The resurrection is the fact of God's love. He really is risen! Alleluia!

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 ✠

(The pastor addresses the people from outside of the chancel.)

Pastor: We gather in the presence of God to celebrate the most significant event in the history of the whole world: the fulfillment of God's own promise to mankind from the beginning, the undoing of the curse of death, and the defeat of the cause of death namely sin. It is the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ from death. He did not die for Himself. He died the death of Adam and Eve and of all their descendants. He died your death. After three days in a cold tomb of death, He arose bodily and to this day lives and rules the universe. The fact of His resurrection is a celebration of faith. This victory is assured to all who believe. Though we still sin and though we die, by faith in Jesus, the living Lord, sin is forgiven and taken away, and death becomes but the gate to our own resurrection to eternal life.

OPENING HYMN "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

LSB 465 vs. 1-4

Stand

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *1 Corinthians 15:54b-57*

Pastor: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory?"

People: O death, where is your sting?"

Pastor: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

People: But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People: I confess to You, most merciful God, that I have sinned against You in my thoughts, words and deeds, those that I have done as well as the good I have failed to do. It is my own sin that condemns me. In Your mercy and according to Your promise, forgive me my sin, create a new heart in me, restore to me the joy of Your salvation for the sake of Jesus Christ, my Lord and my God. Amen.

Pastor: Upon this, your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

PSALM *Psalm 16; antiphon: v. 10, read responsively*
(*“You will not abandon my soul.”*)

Pastor: For You will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,* or let Your holy one see cor- | ruption.

People: Preserve me, | O God,* for in You I take | refuge.

Pastor: I say to the LORD, “You | are my Lord;* I have no good a- | part from You.”

People: As for the saints | in the land,* they are the excellent ones, in whom is all | my delight.

Pastor: The sorrows of those who run after another god shall | multiply;* their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names | on my lips.

People: The LORD is my chosen portion | and my cup;* You | hold my lot.

Pastor: The lines have fallen for me in pleasant | places;* indeed, I have a beautiful in- | heritance.

People: I bless the LORD who gives me | counsel;* in the night also my heart in- | structs me.

Pastor: I have set the LORD always be- | fore me;* because He is at my right hand, I shall not be | shaken.

People: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | joices;* my flesh also | dwells secure.

Pastor: For You will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,* or let Your holy one see cor- | ruption.

People: You make known to me the | path of life;* in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures 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.

Pastor: For You will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,* or let Your holy one see cor- | ruption.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Sit

HYMN “The Day of Resurrection”

LSB 478 vs. 1-4

FIRST READING *Acts 10:34-43*
(The Gospel is for all.)

Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON *Colossians 3:1-4*
(Raised with Christ)

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 *Matthew 28:1-10*

(The women visit the tomb.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED *Apostles' Creed*

ALL: 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

SERMON HYMN “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

LSB 475 vs. 1-4

SERMON “Jesus Is Risen! Bodily!” (Matt. 28:1-10)

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 website at: graceoakcreek.org. You may give a onetime gift or set up your regular weekly or monthly offering. Those using this method of giving may still bring their envelope if they wish and simply write ‘*online giving*’ on the outside and place it in the offering plate.



Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, hear our prayer of thanksgiving for giving us life in this world, but most of all for Your gift of new, eternal life in the forgiveness of our sins by faith in our risen and living Savior, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Help us to live in the certainty and awareness of His resurrection from the dead and the promise of ours in the life of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

People:hear our prayer.

Pastor: For Your whole Church throughout the world and for our own parish, inspire in us the Spirit of truth, unity, and concord. Grant that all who confess Your holy name to agree in the truth of Your Holy Word and to live in unity and godly love. Lord, in Your mercy,

People:hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, save and defend our country. Grant to all in civil authority wisdom and strength to know and do Your will. Direct the hearts of all rulers throughout the world that they may minister justice and provide for the maintenance of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People:hear our prayer.

Pastor: By Your goodness, O Lord, mercifully consider all assembled here in Your name to celebrate the remembrance of the most glorious death and resurrection of Your Son. Comfort and help all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any adversity, and all who request our prayers. By Your healing grace, defend them from every evil to body and soul. Lord, in Your mercy,

People:hear our prayer.

Pastor: We commend to Your mercy, O Lord, all Your servants who have departed with the sign of faith and now rest in the sleep of peace. On the day of the resurrection of all flesh, grant that we and all Your servants of the mystical Body of Your Son may altogether be set on His right hand and hear His most joyful voice saying, "Come, You blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Lord, in Your mercy,

People:hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant this, O Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only mediator and advocate, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People:Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: The Lord is risen!

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

Pastor: May our lives be full of His joy and love.

People: **The Lord is risen, indeed!**

Pastor: May we gladly announce His resurrection to all our brothers and sisters.

People: **The Lord is risen, indeed!**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

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.

People: **Amen.**

Sit

CLOSING HYMN “This Joyful Eastertide”

LSB 482 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.

Elders

Readers

Communion Set-up

Linens

Ushers

Acolyte

Sunday 6:00am

Greg Nowakowski

Lynn Buzzell

Jennifer Olen

Andrea Szefflinski,

Tommy Szefflinski

Sunday 8:30am

Adam Voss

Glenn Dotson

Lynn Buzzell

Jennifer Olen

Sunday 10:00am

Derek Poellet

Derek Poellet

Lynn Buzzell

Jennifer Olen

Cathy Weeks, Rick Weeks,

Amelia Poellet, Dachs,

Poellet

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.

If you do not have access to a computer you may call:

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| 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 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, 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 30th 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 16th from 5:30-8:30pm. Our theme for VBS this year will be *Road Trip Route 3:16* and children ages 3 through 6th 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

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.

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 12th 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.

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 script. The words are stacked vertically, with "He is" on the top line and "Risen" on the bottom line. The letters are fluid and connected, with a classic, slightly formal feel.

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* Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. 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 scroll down the page and click on, “listen now.” Or listen to any of these local radio stations on Sunday mornings.

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| 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 30th and April 2nd, 2023

Offering

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| General Offering | \$4,592.00 | | |
| On-Line Giving | \$1,150.03 | | |
| Missions | \$0.00 | Attendance | 168 |
| Debt Fund | \$200.00 | | |
| Mortgage Offering | \$170.00 | | |
| Sunday School | \$0.00 | | |
| Total | \$6,112.03 | | |

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

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| Sunday | 4/9 | 6:00am 7-9:00am 8:30am 10:00am | Easter Sunrise Service Easter Breakfast Easter Day Service Easter Day Service |
| 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 |
| | | 6:30pm | Divine Worship |
| 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 | 8:00am | Divine Worship |
| | | 9:15am | Adult Bible Study |
| | | 9:15am | Sunday School |
| | | 10:30am | Divine Worship |

SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We have gathered today to celebrate the most precious gifts and treasures our Lord gives us: His forgiveness, life and salvation. It would be our honor to have you join us again next week as we “Celebrate, Teach, and Share” the Good News of God’s Grace among all people.

Grace is committed to supporting families through our Early Childhood Center, Day School, and High School. We are blessed to be a member of the Lutheran High School Association of Milwaukee.

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