

# Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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

## The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

June 15<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

*"By His Grace you are saved through faith"*

Ephesians 2:8



Image: "Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!" (*Psalms 100:4*)

# 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 “The Father’s Love”**

The history of celebrating Father's Day in the United States begins with a church service held in West Virginia in 1908, which recalled and honored the fathers who had perished in a coal mine disaster in the area in the previous year. Two years later, a more general annual observance was begun at a YMCA in Spokane, Washington. But it was not until 1972 that the day was declared to be a national holiday. Among the many qualities of positive fatherhood celebrated on Father's Day is a sense of compassion. Many centuries ago, the psalmist wrote: “*As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him*” (Psalm 103:13). Each week in worship we recall and give thanks for the compassionate love of our God, the eternal Father, who bears His people on eagles' wings and crowns them with steadfast love and mercy.

## **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...Divine Service Setting 3, pg. 184

### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

Opening Hymn (Thursday 6:30pm only) 646 Church of God, Elect and Glorious (vs. 1-4)

VBS Choir (Sunday 9am only) "Road Trip!" (*Please note: immediately following the song, the VBS children are welcome to go back and sit with their parents for worship*)

*Stand*

**Confession and Absolution LSB 184**

*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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 67:4-7; antiphon: v. 3, read responsively*)

Let the peoples praise you, | O God;\*

**let all the peoples | praise you!**

Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,\*

**for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations up- | on earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, | O God;\*

**let all the peoples | praise you!**

The earth has yielded its | increase;\*

**God, our God, shall | bless us.**

God shall | bless us;\*

**let all the ends of the earth | fear him!**

**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.**

Let the peoples praise you, | O God;\*

**let all the peoples | praise you!**

**Kyrie** *LSB 186*

**C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Gloria in Excelsis** *LSB 187*

**P Glory be to God on high:**

**C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,**

**art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day** *LSB 189*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray. Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading *Exodus 19:2-8*

*(God's people are to be a kingdom of priests.)*

<sup>2</sup>[The people of Israel] set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, <sup>3</sup>while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: <sup>4</sup>You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; <sup>6</sup>and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

<sup>7</sup>So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8</sup>All the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual (*Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b, read responsively*)

Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,\*  
**and his greatness is un- | searchable.**

On your wondrous works, I will | meditate,\*  
**and I will declare your | greatness.**

### Epistle Lesson *Romans 5:6-15*

*(Christ died for us while we were still sinners.)*

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by

him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— <sup>13</sup>for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

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

*Stand*

**Alleluia LSB 190**

- C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Alleluia Verse for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** *"Alleluia. The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Alleluia."* (Matthew 9:37b-38)

**Holy Gospel Matthew 9:35–10:20**

*(Jesus calls and then sends out His disciples.)*

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.
- C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup>Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

<sup>1</sup>And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. <sup>2</sup>The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean, and Judas

Iscariot, who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup>but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ <sup>8</sup>Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. <sup>9</sup>Acquire no gold nor silver nor copper for your belts, <sup>10</sup>no bag for your journey, nor two tunics nor sandals nor a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. <sup>11</sup>And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. <sup>12</sup>As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup>And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup>And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup>Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

<sup>16</sup>“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup>Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, <sup>18</sup>and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup>When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. <sup>20</sup>For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed *LSB 191*

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 “Going Up to God” (Exodus 19:2-8)** 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 571 God Loved the World So That He Gave (vs. 1-5)**

**Sermon “How Do I Know He Lives?” (Luke 24:36-48)**

**Sermon Text—Luke 24:36-48**

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”



## Offertory *LSB 192*

- C **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.**

## 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 194*

- P The Lord be with you.  
C **And with thy spirit.**
- P Lift up your hearts.  
C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
- P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.  
C **It is meet and right so to do.**
- P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting.

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 195***

- C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Lord's Prayer *LSB 196***

- 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 197***

- 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 197***

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C Amen.**

**Agnus Dei *LSB 198***

- C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

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

-793 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

-651 I Love Your Kingdom, Lord

Stand

## Nunc Dimittis LSB 199

- C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the  
face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Thanksgiving *LSB 200*

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
C **and His mercy endureth forever.**

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.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

## Benedicamus *LSB 202*

A Bless we the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## Benediction *LSB 202*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.  
C **Amen, amen, amen.**

## Closing Hymn 856 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve (vs. 1-4)

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 9:00am</u>
<u>Elders</u>	Mike Huber	Brandon Dachel
<u>Readers</u>	Kathryn Szefflinski	Beth Jackson
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Janine Tuskowski	Lynn Buzzell
<u>Linens</u>	Donna Dotson	Donna Dotson
<u>Ushers</u>	Jim Robinson, Andrea Szefflinski, Tommy Szefflinski, Alyson Hengst	Lynn & Bob Buzzell, Eddie Taggatz, 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 Kamprath's sister** (cancer); **Dominic** (recovery from a stroke) nephew of Debbie Oelke; **Brittany** (cancer) daughter of Denise Afelt; **Greg** (cancer) brother in law of Mike & Pat Toman; **Hadley** (recovery from brain surgery) relative of Craig & Lauren Frank; **Judy** (poor eyesight) friend of Joy Lussier; **Deborah Feller** (healing from Lyme Disease); **Darlene & Jerry Urbaniak's Nephew** (Alzheimer's); **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; **Dale** (cancer) friend of Rick & Cathy Weeks; **Cathy** (healing & strength) friend of Jill Nowack; **Glenn Peronto** (back surgery) friend of Chris Evers; **Cookie** (cancer) friend of Tony & Suzie Mirenda; **Evan** (healing & strength) son of Lance & Susan Kopperud; **Sue Klemme** (pancreatic cancer) friend of Cathy Weeks; **Chad Evers** (blood clots in heart & lungs) brother of Chris Evers; **Keith Iverson** (hospice) brother of Phyllis Berglund; **Jennifer** (skin cancer) daughter of Tony & Suzie Mirenda; **Scott** (kidney failure) brother of Pat Toman; **Marlene Voss** (hearing loss); **Rikky** (medical testing) friend of Joy Lussier; **Sally** (medical testing) sister of Pauline Parker; and **Dina** (hospitalized) friend of Jill Nowack.

**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:** We mourn with the family and friends of *Bob Jantz*, who was called home to heavenly rest, and the family of Joy Lussier's cousin, *Roxanne*, as they mourn the death of her husband.

We pray: Lord God, heavenly Father, we pray for the family and friends of *Bob Jantz, and the family of Joy Lussier's cousin, Roxanne*, as they mourn her husband's death. Receive our humble thanks for all Your mercies granted to, *Bob Jantz & Roxanne's husband*, during their earthly life, especially for calling them by the Gospel and sustaining them in the true faith until their departure. Comfort those who mourn *Bob and Roxanne's husband's* death with the hope of the glorious resurrection and a happy reunion in heaven. Help us to remember that we are mortal, that we may ever prepare ourselves to fall asleep in faith and finally receive the glory promised to all who trust in Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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

**Please note**: Even though our Church Secretary position is currently vacant, you can still contact the Church office by email at: [church@graceoakcreek.org](mailto:church@graceoakcreek.org) or by phone at: 414-762-8990. We thank Sarah Anderson for her three years of service to our congregation, and we wish her God's blessings in all her future endeavors. Her hard work as our Church Secretary over these past three years is greatly appreciated!!!

**USHERS FOR SUMMER MONTHS** We are in need of ushers for Sunday summer services (9:00am). The dates we need help with are as follows: **July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30**. If you can help, please contact the church office by phone (414)-762-8990 or email: [church@graceoakcreek.org](mailto:church@graceoakcreek.org). Thank you to those who have already reached out to help!

**Thank you to all who took part in Vacation Bible School at Grace this past Friday June 16<sup>th</sup>!** Our theme for VBS this year was, "*Road Trip Route 3:16*," and children ages 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade attended. We had over 30 children attend VBS this year. Special thanks to our Sunday School Superintendent, Jill Nowack, for putting this year's VBS together and for the many people who were involved in leading bible study & the children in song, helping with the food, leading games & crafts, and planning this year's VBS. We couldn't have done it without your help. We rejoice that the children from VBS are also singing in worship this Sunday morning!

**Special message from Lisa Hengst:** I just wanted to thank each and every one of you who put together my anniversary celebration on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Your time and hard work was beyond appreciated. I also want to thank all of you who took time out of your busy lives to celebrate that special day with me. Your cards, gifts, and kind words meant everything to me! I'm so blessed to be a part of our amazing church family!

God's blessings and love,  
Lisa Hengst, Director of Music

### **Giving Tree**

The *Giving Tree* from our Board of Stewardship is up in our church sanctuary. Please consider making a donation to our ministries to help us to continue the mission work of our Church, School, and Early Childhood Center. The needs of our ministries are on the *Giving Tree* for you to take a look at. Thank you for your ongoing support of the ministries here at Grace! If you are giving a monetary donation to one of the ministry needs for Grace please write checks payable to: "Grace Lutheran."

### **Military Bible Sticks**

Our congregation has faithfully supported this mission for many years. We prayerfully ask you for this support again this year. The change this year is that Military Bible Sticks will be paired with a new mission from Faith Comes by Hearing. This new effort is called Vision 2033. Vision 2033 involves partnering with other missions, such as Lutheran Bible Translators, to translate the Bible into mission languages. These bible sticks would have native speakers reading the Word and would be given to the missions in countries all over the world. That way people would be able to hear the Good News in their own languages. We are looking forward to being able to be a part of this new mission by Faith Comes by Hearing. Envelopes will be available for donating to Military Bible Sticks in the narthex on the white board. **A video will be shared with the congregation soon to share this mission's vision. For more in-depth information please go to: <https://faithcomesbyhearing.com/what-we-do/resources-for-churches>**

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

We are currently in need of funding for our aged furnaces at both the school and 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 \$18,140 for the Church & School furnace fund, thank you for your support!!!**

### **VOTERS MEETING**

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending our next Voters Meeting at Church! It will be on Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup> after the 9am worship service. Special topics will include: Pastor's Report, Election of new officers, and updates from church boards. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of the ministries here at Grace! God bless you!

**Volunteers Needed – Synod Convention**—The LCMS Convention will be held July 28-August 3 at the Wisconsin Convention Center in downtown Milwaukee. Many volunteers are needed to serve in the days leading up to and throughout the convention in various areas – Hospitality, Information, Registration and more. Visit [swd.lcms.org/serve](http://swd.lcms.org/serve) to review the available slots and sign up by Tuesday, June 27. If you can speak Russian, Korean or Spanish, the International Guests Hospitality Committee could use your assistance in greeting guests at the airport and assisting at the convention. Thank you for serving at the Convention!

**CELEBRATE THE LORD OF THE NATIONS WITH LWML IN MILWAUKEE – JUNE 22 – 25, 2023**

If you haven't been to Milwaukee, you're in for a treat. After the LWML Convention, there will be scheduled tours, or you can see the sights on your own. There are boat rides on Lake Michigan, the Milwaukee Public Market, many museums, and transportation on the free public streetcar. Come and "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations" and see Milwaukee.



**2023 LWML Convention-Milwaukee**

**June 22-25, 2023**

**Convention Offerings**

4 Offerings will be taken at the LWML convention

**Offering #1- 2023-2025 LWML Mission Goal**

**Offering #2-We Are Called to Care**

This offering will support families and children in the foster care system in Plano, Illinois, by helping to create a visitation/therapy room.

**Offering #3-Support of the scholarship fund at Wolf River Lutheran High School, Shawano, Wisconsin.**

The students and leaders want to provide a Christian education to those who believe in Christ's saving grace by providing a Christian education to any student regardless of race or economic standing.

**Offering #4-Milwaukee Area Crisis Pregnancy Centers, through Concordia Gospel Outreach.**

Help Concordia Gospel Outreach, the charitable arm of Concordia Publishing House, provide Gospel-based materials including Bibles, the children's book *Alive Before You Were Born*, and other devotional materials to up to 20 Milwaukee area crisis pregnancy centers.

If you would like to bless these missions but are unable to attend convention, online donations will be accepted through June 30, 2023. Links can be found at [www.lwml.org/convention-offering](http://www.lwml.org/convention-offering)



St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Waterford (145 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street) is now accepting applications for a Director of their Preschool (Rainbow Preschool); we are also accepting applications for teachers for the fall. Please contact Ted Myers for more information and/or to apply. 847-404-2945 or [tedmyers2020@gmail.com](mailto:tedmyers2020@gmail.com)

### **“Defending the Faith Sermon Series for the Summer of 2023”**

This summer we will have a special sermon series on, “*Defending the Christian Faith.*” Have you ever wondered how to answer someone for the hope you have in Christ Jesus and to do so with gentleness and respect, as St. Peter calls us to do in 1 Peter 3:15? Well, this sermon series is for you. Please join us as we will be answering certain objections to the Christian faith with the help of the Holy Spirit from God’s Word.

1. 6-18-23—How Do I Know He Lives?, Luke 24:36–48
2. 6-25-23—Stubborn Realities, Matthew 28:11–20
3. 7-16-23—The Fact’s for You, 1 Corinthians 15:1–20
4. 7-23-23—Seen with Our Eyes, Touched with Our Hands, 1 John 1:1–3
5. 7-30-23—Fallen, but Created . . . and Redeemed, Romans 8:18–23
6. 8-6-23—Not Denial, but the Good News, Romans 1:16–20
7. 8-13-23—God’s Great Big True Story, 2 Peter 1:16–21

### **Stewardship Minute**

Proverbs 9:10a points out, “*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.*” True wisdom comes from knowing the Author of Wisdom, our Lord. He will help us to see His perspective as we turn away from the wisdom of the world, which is foolishness in God’s sight (1 Corinthians 3:19), and seek His gift of wisdom, revealed to us by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament. God’s wisdom offers us an eternal perspective and with His wisdom we can live an abundant life now and spend eternity with Jesus.

### **DO YOU SEE YOURSELF AS A STEWARD, NOT AN OWNER?**

“For all things come from You, and of Your own have we given You”  
(1 Chronicles 29:14b).



Matthew 25: 14-30

## IN THE WORD FOR THE 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Catechism:** Christian Questions with Their Answers—*What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently? But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?*

**Verse of the week:** Ephesians 2:19-20—*You are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone.*

**Psalm of the week:** Psalm 34:12-22

**Hymn of the week:** (LSB 510) “A Multitude Comes from the East and the West”

### **Bible Readings for the Week:**

**Sunday**— The Great Feast—Luke 14:15-24

**Monday**— Jesus Heals a Centurion’s Servant—Matthew 8:5-13

**Tuesday**— Jesus Heals Peter’s Mother-in-law—Matthew 8:14-22

**Wednesday**— Jesus Stills the Storm—Matthew 8:23-27

**Thursday**— Two Demon-Possessed Men Are Healed—Matthew 8:28-34

**Friday**— Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralytic—Matthew 9:1-8

**Saturday**— Matthew the Tax Collector—Matthew 9:9-13

“Have confidence in God. Jesus Christ died for you, and Jesus Christ lives for you ... By faith in Christ, enjoy real life without that constant covetousness which makes life a living hell for so many people. By faith in Christ, know once and for all what this means: A man’s real life in no way depends upon the number of his possessions. A man’s life does not consist of the abundance of the things he possesses.” *Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffman, Guest Speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – 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 "Just Around the Corner"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. An unexpected encounter reveals God’s love being poured out, just around the corner. (Romans 5:1-11) **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**  
**June 8<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Offering**

General Offering	\$1,780.75		
On-Line Giving	\$966.91		
Missions	\$30.00	<b>Attendance</b>	98
Debt Fund	\$0.00	<b>Communed</b>	79
Mortgage Offering	\$1,170.00		
Portals of Prayer	\$0.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,947.66</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	6/18	9:00am	Divine Worship
Tuesday	6/20	7:00am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
Thursday	6/22	6:30pm	Divine Worship
Sunday	6/25	9:00am	Divine Worship
		10:00am	Voter's Meeting

**A FATHER'S DAY REFLECTION**— So, what did you get dear old Dad for Father's Day this year? Perhaps new equipment for the grill or a hat with the logo of his favorite baseball team . . . or maybe that tried-and-true gift of a necktie. One of the things we recognize as we give gifts to Dad is that Dad has already given a lifetime of gifts to us. We thank God for Christian fathers who care for our physical and spiritual needs! However, as loving as our earthly father may be, the love of our heavenly Father is even greater. Jesus says, "*If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!*" (Matthew 7:11). We thank our Father in heaven for His gifts of the Holy Spirit, daily necessities, eternal life, and yes, the gift of earthly fathers too.

**We pray:** *Father in heaven, bless and strengthen all fathers that they faithfully fulfill their vocation, raising their children in Your nurture and admonition. We ask that you would give restoration to children who live in homes of brokenness and hurt. Assure them of Your steadfast love and Your abiding presence, work healing, repentance, and forgiveness. Father in heaven, provide for all children in foster care and in need of loving homes, provide families to care for them with love and faithfulness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.*

## 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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