

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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

The 10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 3rd & 6th, 2023

"By His Grace you are saved through faith"

Ephesians 2:8



Image: "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. (*Isaiah 55:1*)

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 get to know you!

As We Gather "Grace Not Law"

Human law would expect that the physical descendants of Abraham and the people included in the nation of Israel would receive God's promised blessings, but God's covenant is based on His great grace. The covenant to David is for all people, whoever will listen to His gracious invitation. *"Come to Me," the Lord says through Isaiah, "hear, that your soul may live"* (Isaiah 55:3). In the Epistle, Paul laments that although the blessings of God came through the Jewish people, most have cut themselves off from the promise. His hope lies in the grace of God, which says *"the children of the promise are counted as offspring"* (Romans 9:8). And grace continues! Today God counts us worthy to serve His gracious plans, just as our Lord used even the doubting disciples to feed the 5,000 in the Gospel. Grace, indeed!

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 4, pg. 203*

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Opening Hymn 915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us (vs. 1-4)

Stand

Confession and Absolution *LSB 203*

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

✧ WORD ✧

Introit (*Psalm 105:39-43; antiphon: v. 1, sung responsively*)



Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;*
make known his deeds among the | peoples!
He spread a cloud for a | covering,*
and fire to give | light by night.
They asked, and he | brought quail,*
and gave them bread from heaven in a- | bundance.
He opened the rock, and water | gushed out;*
it flowed through the desert like a | river.
For he remembered his holy | promise,*
and Abraham, his | servant.
So he brought his people | out with joy,*
his chosen ones with | singing.

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.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;*
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

Kyrie *LSB 204*

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

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 204*

C 1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—

Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day *LSB 205*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 55:1-5*

(God offers an everlasting covenant to David.)

¹"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why

do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual (*Romans 11:33, 36, read responsively*)

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of God!*

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable | his ways!

For from him and through him and to him are | all things.*

To him be glory forever. | Amen.

Epistle Lesson *Romans 9:1-13*

(We are included in the promise because we share Abraham’s faith.)

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ⁸This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call—¹²she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse LSB 205

- C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia Verse for the 10th Sunday after Pentecost *"Alleluia. Man ate of the bread of the angels; he sent them food in abundance. Alleluia."* (Psalm 78:25)

Holy Gospel Matthew 14:13-21

(The feeding of 5,000)

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed *LSB 207*

C 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 everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Children's Message "Chosen by Grace" (Rom. 9:1-13) 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 642 O Living Bread from Heaven (vs. 1-4)

Sermon "Not Denial, but the Good News" (Romans 1:16-20)

Sermon Text— Romans 1:16-20

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can

be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

Offering/Attendance

As the offerings are being passed to you by the ushers, we ask that you take this time to fill out the attendance pads located in your pews so that we can acknowledge your presence with us today. We are so glad that you have joined us in worship here at Grace!!! We also thank you for your generosity and support of Jesus Christ our Lord's Kingdom work!!! God bless you!!!

You can now give online. It's easy, fast, and secure. If you're able, we also encourage you to set up recurring giving by texting **graceoc** to 206-859-9405, use this QR Code or head to our web-site at graceoakcreek.org. You may give a onetime gift or set up your regular weekly or monthly offering. Those using this method of giving may still bring their envelope if they wish and simply write 'online giving' on the outside and place it in the offering plate.



Stand

Prayer of the Church (*After each petition the Pastor will say, "Lord in Your mercy," and the congregation responds saying, "Hear our prayer."*)

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

Preface LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving

Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *LSB 208*

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving *LSB 209*

- P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:**

Lord's Prayer *LSB 209*

- C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord *LSB 209*

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini *LSB 209*

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

Agnus Dei *LSB 210*

C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

Distribution

We celebrate the Lord's Supper

Members of our sister LC-MS congregations are invited to join us for communion. Guests to our Lutheran Church are invited to first speak with Pastor before joining at our Lord's Table. We hope you will learn more about us as we gather to "*Celebrate, Teach, and Confess*" the Good News of God's Grace! In the Bible, the Apostle Paul wrote: *Let a person examine himself and so eat of the bread, and drink of the cup (1 Cor. 11:28)*. Before attending the Lord's Supper, ask yourself the following questions:

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

If you are unable to answer yes to these questions, please talk to the pastor before communing, as participating without a proper understanding of Holy Communion can be spiritually 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

-798 The God of Abraham Praise (vs. 1-8)

-352 Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord (vs. 1-6)

Stand

Nunc Dimittis LSB 211

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

2 All glory to the Father,
 All glory to the Son,
 All glory to the Spirit,

**Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

Post-Communion Collect *LSB 212*

- A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Benedicamus *LSB 212*

- A Let us bless the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction *LSB 212*

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer (vs. 1-3)

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!!!



Altar Flowers



Altar flowers today are given by Marlene Voss in celebration of August Birthdays and Anniversaries.

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

For all who worship this day, bless us through your Word, O Lord. **Pastor Bill Wurm** (Alzheimers disease); **Tom Janes** (healing & strength); **Larry Abelt Sr.** (healing & strength); **Myles King** (blood disorder); **Cindy Riemer** (cancer); **Michael Helzer** (cancer); **Michael Parker** (healing & strength); **Jim & Kari** (healing and strength); **Greg Voss** (healing & strength); **Curt Bayer** (cancer) former member of Grace; **Sindy Schmidt** (healing); **Sandra Mallas** (health, peace, comfort); **Claire Dotson** (hospice); **Gary Forsythe** (dementia); **Lisa Kamprath's sister** (cancer); **Dominic** (recovery from a stroke); **Brittany** (cancer); **Greg** (cancer); **Judy** (poor eyesight); **Darlene & Jerry Urbaniak's Nephew** (Alzheimer's); **Linda** (brain cancer); **Bryan** (cancer); **Jenny Rice** (cancer); **Dale** (cancer); **Cathy** (healing & strength); **Cookie** (lung cancer); **Evan** (healing & strength); **Sue Klemme** (pancreatic cancer); **Chad Evers** (blood clots in heart & lungs); **Keith Iverson** (hospice); **Jennifer** (skin cancer); **Scott** (kidney failure); **Marlene Voss** (hearing loss); **Rikky** (medical testing); **Sally** (medical testing); **Dina** (healing & strength); **Ginny Schmeiser** (healing & strength); **Michelle Lyman** (healing after knee surgery); **Tom Novak** (recovery after a stroke); **Drew** (healing after surgery); **Chad Verzella** (healing after heart attack) Grace School parent; **Jennifer** (diagnosed with MS); **Rachel Goodle** (prayers for God's strength); **Nathan Taggatz** (fighting Midnight Forest Fire near Clearwater, ID) Pastor Taggatz's brother; **Lynn Van Kanegan** (hospitalized); **Rose Adams** (knee surgery); and **Pastor Schmidt** (hospitalized); **Cris Evers** (healing & strength); **Brooke Bzdawka** (blood clot) granddaughter of Sharon Bzdawka; **Alberta Loomis** (healing & strength); and **Daniel Abelt** (cancer) relative of Leah Abelt.

For our Homebound Members at Grace: Carol Loveall, Betty Lemmer (hospice), Kathy Gaudian, Bernice Byklum, Art Steinborn, Patricia Groth, and Gloria Kilponen.

All those on the Grace Prayer Line dealing with long term health and medical issues; Hear our prayer. We encourage you to submit prayer requests for worship and/or our prayer line by emailing: Paulinemom@aol.com.

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

Prayers for worship:	Church Office	414-762-8990
Requests on prayer line:	10am–3 pm	Carol Thurber 414-762-9615
	3pm-9 pm	Pauline Parker 414-764-5574

Assisting with the Divine Service

We thank God for all those individuals who have been involved in supporting our worship services this week. If you are interested in assisting in any of the ways shown below, please speak with pastor or one of our elders.

	<u>Thursday 6:30pm</u>	<u>Sunday 9:00am</u>
<u>Elders</u>	Mike Huber	Rick Weeks
<u>Readers</u>	Pastor Taggatz	Erica Vitek
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Janine Tuskowski	Jeanne Meyer
<u>Linens</u>	Donna Dotson	Donna Dotson
<u>Ushers</u>		Lynn & Bob Buzzell

Please note: Our part time Church Secretary position has been filled. Welcome to Jennifer Goetsch, who will be starting on Monday July 31st. You can still contact the church office by email at church@graceoakcreek.org or by phone 414-762-8990 on Tuesdays through Thursdays from 9am -12:00pm.

Your 2nd Quarter giving statements are available in the narthex. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support of the ministries here at Grace!!!

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 \$19,690 for the church & school furnace fund, thank you for your support!!!**

“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. 8-6-23—Not Denial, but the Good News, Romans 1:16–20
2. 8-13-23—God's Great Big True Story, 2 Peter 1:16–21

IN THE WORD FOR THE 10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Catechism: The Lord's Prayer—Sixth Petition

Verse of the week: 1 Corinthians 10:13—"No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it."

Psalm of the week: Psalm 54

Hymn of the week: (LSB 730) "What Is the World to Me"

Bible Readings for the Week:

Sunday— The Unjust Steward—Luke 16:1-13

Monday— Two Blind Men Receive Their Sight—Matthew 20:29-34

Tuesday— Jesus Cleanses the Temple—Matthew 21:12-17

Wednesday— The Fruitless Fig Tree—Matthew 21:18-27

Thursday— The Parable of the Two Sons—Matthew 21:28-32

Friday— The Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers—Matthew 21:33-46

Saturday— The Parable of the Wedding Feast—Matthew 22:1-14

"Be as patient with others as you know God is with you. In so doing, you will be keeping your head in all circumstances' (2 Timothy 4:5). You will find the resolve to remain calm and patient, even though ideologically you may become incensed. Theologically, you know what it means to be the object of perfect love. Let Christ be your role model." *Rev. Robert Fleischmann, Director of Christian Life Resource – 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 "Who is Jesus?" Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus Jesus never needed to take a poll to figure out who He was or what He should do. (Matthew 16:13b-16)**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.

WTMJ 103.3 FM Milwaukee, WI Sun 6:30 am

WTMJ 620 AM Milwaukee, WI Sun 5:30 and & 6:30 am

Sunday, September 10th—Christian Education Sunday and Church Picnic at Grace Lutheran School!!! Please join us for our church picnic on Sunday, September 10th. We will have our Christian Education Sunday Worship Service at 10am in our church sanctuary. Then, the picnic will start at 11:30am at the school campus. We will be recognizing the new members we have received at Grace over the last year.

Please register by Sunday, September 3rd. You can register on the sign-up sheet in the church narthex, or by contacting the church office via email church@graceoakcreek.org, or calling 414-762-8990. Please note that food and beverages will be provided for this event. Feel free to bring lawn games such as ladder toss and bean bag toss for you and your fellow parishioners to enjoy. As you sign up, please indicate the number of people attending and if you can help with set up, serving, and/or clean up. We are looking forward to seeing you there!!!

Attention 6th – 8th Grade Parents

There will be a Confirmation meeting on Monday, September 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the school with Pastor Tagatz. Confirmation classes will begin Monday, September 18th at 6:30 p.m. for public school students. These will be taking place at the school.

Ladies Bible Study

The Ladies Bible Study will be starting up again. Please join us on Wednesday mornings at church beginning, September 13th, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. We are studying, “*Measured by Grace*” by Sharla Fritz. We will begin our study on the life and ministry of John the Baptist. In this bible study, readers are invited to re-evaluate their lives through the lens of God’s Word. The world speaks a lot about success, but readers will find peace in the knowledge that God measures them by grace, mercy, and love, not worldly glory. Join us!!!

Sunday School Begins on Sunday September 17th

Sunday School at Grace begins on Sunday, September 17th for people of all ages! Children preschool through 8 th grade, a group specifically for our high school students and an adult bible class! Sunday school is held at our school campus, with Adult Bible Class taking place in the school library. This will be from 9:15-10:15 am on Sunday mornings. Please note that adult bible class will be every Sunday of the month and Sunday School will be on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month.

Mission Speaker at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Greenfield on Saturday, August 5th at 5 p.m.

You are invited to hear the Rev. Dr. Alexey Streltsov, visiting us from the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church. Dr. Streltsov is Rector of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, one of just two confessional Lutheran seminaries still fully operating in Russia. Its professors are

working to supply pastors for the Siberian church and churches in surrounding areas. Join us Saturday and hear what Rev. Dr. Streltsov has to say about the state of the church in Russia and the efforts of the Siberian church to restore the Lutheran church there and in nearby countries. Pastor Streltsov will be preaching at the 5 p.m. service on Saturday, August 5th. Mt. Zion is located at 3840 W. Layton Ave in Greenfield.



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SAVE THE DATE -09.25.23

**Join us for the 25th Annual Spartan Golf
Open at Tuckaway Country Club
8:30am Registration
10:00am Shotgun start**

There are many ways to support the Open:

- Golfing
- Becoming a sponsor
- Donating silent or live auction items
- Not a golfer? Join us for the social hour

Look for registrations to be sent out August.
For more information, contact Shari DeBraal at
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**Growing in Grace
July 27th & 30th, 2023**

Offering

<i>General Offering</i>	\$2164.25	
<i>On-Line Giving</i>	\$722.61	
<i>Missions</i>	\$20.00	<i>Attendance</i> 89
<i>Debt Fund</i>	\$0.00	<i>Communed</i> 67
<i>Mortgage Offering</i>	\$0.00	
<i>Portals of Prayer</i>	\$0.00	
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$2906.86</i>	

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	8/6	9:00 am	Divine Worship
Monday	8/7	6:30 pm	Grief Share
Tuesday	8/8	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
Wednesday	8/9	6:30 pm	Council Meeting
Thursday	8/10	6:30 pm	Divine Worship
Saturday	8/12	8:00 am	Rise & Sonshine Bible Study
Sunday	8/13	9:00 am	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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