

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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

The 12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 17th & 20th, 2023

"By His Grace you are saved through faith"

Ephesians 2:8



Image: "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." (Isaiah 56:7)

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 “For All Peoples”

The Lord's words through the prophet Isaiah remind us of the purpose of the sacred space into which we have entered: *“My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples”* (Isaiah 56:7). Even from ancient times, the Lord God has invited all peoples—no matter who they are or where they have come from—to enter His presence and receive deliverance from their sin. In Christ Jesus, crucified and raised to life again for our salvation, we trust that the promises of God, offered to all, are also promises He makes personally to us. Jesus died for all, and Jesus died for you! Standing together as one, we, though many, form one family and belong to one everlasting kingdom. Together, we receive God's gifts. Together, we raise our united voice in prayers and praises. Together, we gather to experience the life God offers *“for all peoples.”*

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 497 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord (vs. 1-3)

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 28:1-2, 6-7; antiphon: v. 8, read responsively)

The LORD is the strength of his | people;*

he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,*

lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down | to the pit.

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help,*
when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.

Blessèd | be the LORD!*

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I am helped;*
my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to 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.

The LORD is the strength of his | people;*
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

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. Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; 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 56:1, 6-8*

(The Lord’s salvation comes for all peoples.)

¹Thus says the LORD: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. . . . ⁶“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” ⁸The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

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

Gradual *(Psalm 34:9, 19, alt., read responsively)*

Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle Lesson (*Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32*)

(God will reveal His mercy to all people.)

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .

²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

- 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 12th Sunday after Pentecost "*Alleluia. The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.*" (Psalm 147:2-3)

Holy Gospel *Matthew 15:21-28*

(A Canaanite woman shows great faith.)

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

²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the

dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.”²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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 "No Favorites" (Isa. 56:1, 6-8) 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 615 When in the Hour of Deepest Need (vs. 1-5)

Sermon "No Favorites" (Isa. 56:1, 6-8)

Offering/Attendance

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

You can now give online. It's easy, fast, and secure. If you're able, we also encourage you to set up recurring giving by texting **graceoc** to 206-859-9405, use this QR Code or head to our 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 (*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 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

-629 What Is This Bread (vs. 1-5)

-901 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty (vs. 1-5)

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 837 Lift High the Cross (vs. 1-5)

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God!!!**



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; Cindy 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 (heart issues); Dina (healing & strength); Michelle Lyman (healing after knee surgery); Tom Novak (recovery after a stroke); Drew (healing after surgery); Jennifer (diagnosed with MS); Rachel Goodle (prayers for God's strength); Rose Adams (knee surgery); Pastor Schmidt (hospitalized); Cris Evers (healing & strength); Brooke Bzdawka (blood clot); Daniel Abelt (cancer); and Alyssa (healing & strength); Lynda (stroke), and Phyllis Berglund (cancer).

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	Richard Jackson
<u>Readers</u>	Kathryn Szefflinski	Cris Evers
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Janine Tuskowski	Jeanne Meyer
<u>Linens</u>	Donna Dotson	Donna Dotson
<u>Ushers</u>		Lynn & Bob Buzzell

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

Thank you for your donations to the Board of Stewardship's *Giving Tree* for this Summer! The proceeds that have been given to the *Giving Tree* will be going to our Church's *Good Samaritan Fund*, which helps those in need in our community, specifically in helping with groceries or gas.

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 \$22,711.63 for the church & school furnace fund, thank you for your support!!!**

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

During the month of September, we will be worshipping at:

- Sunday, September 3rd at 9:00am
- Sunday September 10th at 10:00am in the church, as we observe Christian Education Sunday, the Church Picnic will follow at 11:30am in our Lutheran School building.
- Sunday, September 17th (and moving forward) at 8:00am and 10:30am, with Sunday School and Adult Bible Class being in the school from 9:15-10:15am. (Adult Bible Class is every week, Sunday School is 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month)
- Thursday evening worship will remain the same at 6:30pm.

There will be a Voters Meeting on Sunday, September 24th after the 10:30am Worship Service.

Please plan on attending as your participation as a member of our congregation is very important for the ministries here at Grace Lutheran Church, School, and Early Childhood Center. Topics of the meeting will include: Pastor's update, goals for the next year from our Church Boards, Treasurer's Report, and update on Church Membership here at Grace.



IN THE WORD FOR THE 12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Catechism: Confession—What is confession?

Verse of the week: Ephesians 2:8-9—*"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast."*

Psalm of the week: Psalm 68:1-10

Hymn of the week: (LSB 616) "Baptismal Waters Cover Me"

Bible Readings for the Week:

Sunday— The Pharisee and the Tax Collector—Luke 18:9-14

Monday— The Parable of the Fig Tree—Matthew 24:32-42

Tuesday— The Faithful Servant—Matthew 24:43-51

Wednesday— The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins—Matthew 25:1-13

Thursday— The Parable of the Talents—Matthew 25:14-30

Friday— St. Bartholomew, Apostle: John 1:43-51

Saturday—The Second Coming in Judgment—Matthew 25:31-46

“Live as a son or daughter of God, for He loves you as only a Father could. One thing you can know about God: He will never say about you, ‘These are not Our kind of people.’ Because of Christ and what He has done for you, the Father will never say that about you.” *Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffman, Guest Speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – 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 "The Latest Polls" Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. What people think about something--that's a poll. What that something actually is--that's the truth. (Matthew 21:8-11 and Luke 23:23-25) **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 am & 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 for the church picnic. 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 located at the school campus.

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. 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 8th grade, a group specifically for our high school students, as well as 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. **You can register your child for Sunday School by going to this link:** <https://forms.gle/UorLacie97zSZDdf8>

WANTED! Sunday School Teachers, Helpers, or Subs

If you are interested in helping out with teaching, helping or subbing Sunday School this Fall, please contact our Sunday School Superintendent, Jill Nowack at 414-412-8381 or by email sundayschool@graceoakcreek.org.

**STEWARDSHIP IS WHAT THE STEWARD
DOES AND WHAT THE STEWARD DOES
IS GOVERNED BY GOD’S WORD.**

“Moreover, it is required of stewards
that they be found faithful”
(1 Corinthians 4:2).



Stewardship Minute— How blessed we are that God honors us with the privilege to be His stewards! Instead of calling upon His vast legion of angels to be the managers and caretakers of His creation, He gives us the opportunity and responsibility. On our own, we would fail, but we are not alone because *“He Who calls you is faithful, He will surely do it”* (1 Thessalonians 5:24). God promises us in His Word that He will send His Holy Spirit to strengthen us in all that we do for Him. May God help each of us to be willing to be faithful stewards.



**MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL
c/o LHSAGM
10427 W Lincoln Ave, Suite 1300
West Allis, WI 53227**

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
August 10th & 13th, 2023

Offering

<i>General Offering</i>	<i>\$3,187.00</i>	
<i>On-Line Giving</i>	<i>\$1,116.39</i>	
<i>Missions</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>Attendance 99</i>
<i>Debt Fund</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>Communed 80</i>
<i>Mortgage Offering</i>	<i>\$10.00</i>	
<i>Portals of Prayer</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$4,313.39</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	8/20	9:00 am	Divine Worship
Monday	8/21	6:30 pm	Grief Share
Tuesday	8/22	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
Thursday	8/24	6:30 pm	Divine Worship
Sunday	8/27	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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