

# Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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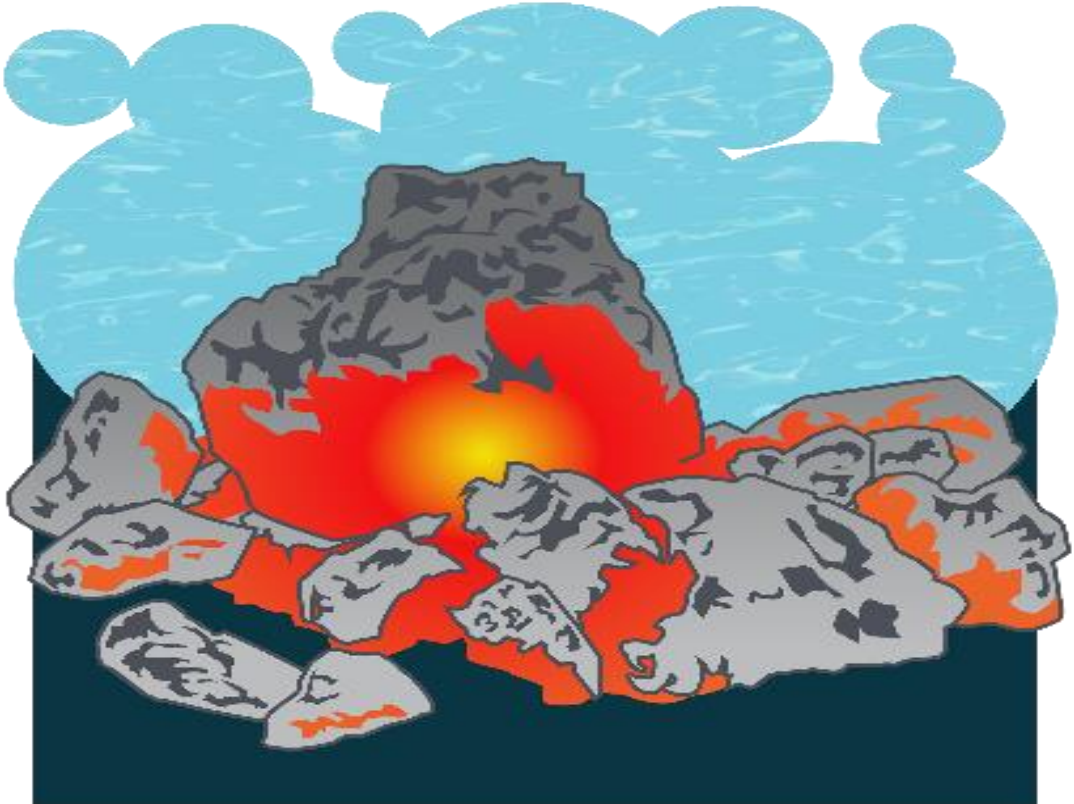
*Celebrate  
Teach  
Share  
God's Grace*

## The 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 31<sup>st</sup> & September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

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

Ephesians 2:8



**Image:** "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." (*Romans 12:20*)

# 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 “*Delight in Difficulty*”**

*“Your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart”* (Jeremiah 15:16). The prophet Jeremiah did not praise God with such words because his life was super easy. No, Jeremiah rejoiced in the Lord even as his life had plenty of problems. Why such delight in difficulty? Surrounded by evil in this world, like Jeremiah, we cling to the God who is good, learning to trust His Word as the means by which we receive His deliverance from our enemies of sin and death. The living, active, delightful voice of our Savior guarantees His ongoing presence in our life. Because of this, we rejoice! As we gather in the presence of Jesus this day, let us echo Jeremiah's anthem of praise: *“Your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart!”*

### **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 1, pg. 151*

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Opening Hymn 842 Son of God, Eternal Savior (vs. 1-4)

*Stand*

Confession and Absolution *LSB 151*

*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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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 37:5-7; antiphon: v. 4, sung responsively*)



Delight yourself | in the LORD,\*  
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

**Commit your way | to the LORD;\***  
**trust in him, and | he will act.**

He will bring forth your righteousness | as the light,\*  
and your justice as the | noonday.

**Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;\***  
**fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man**  
**who carries out evil de- | vices!**

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.

Delight yourself | in the LORD,\*  
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

**Kyrie LSB 152**

- A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

### **This Is the Feast *LSB 155***

C **This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever.  
Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day *LSB 156***

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same 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 *Jeremiah 15:15-21***

***(The LORD says to Jeremiah, “I am with you to save you and deliver you.”)***

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. <sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. <sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. <sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? <sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD: “If you return, I will restore you,

and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. <sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. <sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

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 12:9-21*

**(“Overcome evil with good.”)**

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. <sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” <sup>20</sup>To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse LSB 156**

**C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Alleluia Verse for the 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** *"Alleluia. Whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Alleluia."* (Matthew 16:25)

**Holy Gospel Matthew 16:21-28**

***(Losing life and finding it in Christ.)***

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? <sup>27</sup>For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. <sup>28</sup>Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

**Apostles' Creed LSB 159**

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 "Be My Mouth" (Jer. 15:15-21)** 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 "God's Encouragement to Preachers" (Jer. 15:15-21)**

**Offertory LSB 159**

- C **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name  
of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the  
Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His  
people,  
in the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O  
Jerusalem.**

### **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](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 160*

- 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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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 161***

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving *LSB 161***

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To

You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer *LSB 162***

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

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 162***

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 163***

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

## Agnus Dei LSB 163

- C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*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**

**-628 Your Table I Approach (vs. 1-6)**

**-631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face (vs. 1-7)**

*Stand*

### **Thank the Lord *LSB 164***

**C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.**

**Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **Post-Communion Collect *LSB 166***

**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.**

### **Benediction *LSB 166***

- 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 848 Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service (vs. 1-4)

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!!!



*Altar Flowers*



Altar flowers today are given by Stan Gumm in memory of Sylvia's 87<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### 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); 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); Dina (healing & strength); 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); **Marion Davis** (hospice) relative of Carol Loveall; **Robert Collier** (healing & strength) nephew of Sharon Russell; **Alberta Loomis** (healing & strength); **Michael Abelt** (healing & strength).

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

We mourn with the family of **Claire Dotson**, Glenn Dotsons' mother, and the family of **James Schneiker**, (former student of Grace Lutheran School) and grandson of **Kim Gadish**, who was called home to heavenly rest. We pray: *Almighty God, Father of mercies and God of all comfort deal graciously with the family of Claire Dotson and James Schneiker and all who mourn their deaths that, casting every care on You, they may know the consolation of Your love, help them to know that because Jesus lives, they too shall live and have eternal life in His name. 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



## 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>	Adam Voss	Eric Kamprath
<u>Readers</u>	Suzie Mirenda	Glenn Dotson
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Janine Tuskowski	Jeanne Meyer
<u>Linens</u>	Donna Dotson	Donna Dotson
<u>Ushers</u>		Lynn & Bob Buzzell

**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. Through your support we have raised over \$250 this summer to support those in need and special thanks to the Stewardship Board for putting this project on. The *Giving Tree* will be up through Labor Day weekend.

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF JAMES SCHNEIKER** James is a former student of Grace Lutheran School and his grandmother, Kim Gadish, is a member of Grace Lutheran Church. James passed away on August 22<sup>nd</sup> due to fatal injuries caused by a hit and run accident while riding his bicycle in Mt Pleasant. He just celebrated his 14<sup>th</sup> birthday in early August. Grace Lutheran is doing a private collection to pass along to the family to assist with medical expenses and funeral costs. Cash or checks made payable to Grace Lutheran School will be collected through September 10<sup>th</sup>. We have supplied cards to be signed by the church members to pass along our thoughts and prayers to the family. We will pass along the cards with one check to the family directly.

### 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 \$22,811.63 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 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00am
- Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> (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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month)
- Thursday evening worship will remain the same at 6:30pm.

**There will be a Voters Meeting on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

A black rectangular box containing the text "VOTERS' MEETING" in a white, stylized, blocky font. The word "VOTERS'" is on the top line and "MEETING" is on the bottom line. A small white cross is positioned above the letter "O" in "VOTERS'".

### IN THE WORD FOR THE 14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Catechism:** Ten Commandments—Third and Fourth Commandments

**Verse of the week:** Romans 1:16a, *“I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes.”*

**Psalm of the week:** Psalm 32

**Hymn of the week:** (LSB 655) “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” (stanzas 1-3)

**Bible Readings for the Week:**

Sunday— The Good Samaritan—Luke 10:23-37

Monday— Warning Against Idleness—2 Thessalonians 3:1-15

Tuesday— The Worship of the Golden Calf—Exodus 32:1-14

Wednesday— God's Wrath Is Poured Out upon Idol Worshipers—Exodus 32:15-35

Thursday— Lord Renews His Covenant with Israel—Ex. 33:1-3 (4-5); 34:1-10, 27-35

Friday— Moses Sets Up the Tabernacle—Exodus 40:1-3, 16-38

Saturday— The Security of Wisdom—Proverbs 4:10-23

We are made holy by the perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ, ours by faith in His life, death, and resurrection. Yet we are holy in another sense, too. We have been set apart, called out, by a holy God for God's holy purposes—to love God and our neighbor, to serve, to make disciples. We have been set apart to serve as spouses, parents and grandparents, citizens, workers.” *Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, 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 "Entryway"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Psalms are God's words, given to us as an entryway into His presence. (Psalm 26:8) **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 103.3 FM Milwaukee, WI Sun 6:30 am  
WTMJ 620 AM Milwaukee, WI Sun 5:30 and & 6:30 am

**Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>—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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents**

There will be a Confirmation meeting on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the school with Pastor Taggatz. Confirmation classes will begin Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 17<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday School at Grace begins on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> for people of all ages! Children preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:sundayschool@graceoakcreek.org).

### **Rise & Sonshine Bible Study**

Starting on Saturday Sept 16, 8-9:30am in the school library our Rise & Sonshine Bible Study Group will be meeting again. We are excited to begin a new study “Promised Rest-Finding Peace in God’s Presence” by Michelle Diercks (available at CPH & Amazon). In this study we will dig into God’s many names to find peace from the worries of the world, and hold onto His name in times of hardship and anxiety. Ladies you are invited to gather with us around fellowship and God’s Word. Starting your Saturday this way doesn’t get any better! Oh and we have treats too! Questions- please reach out to Jennifer Olen at [olenjennifer@aol.com](mailto:olenjennifer@aol.com)

### **Grace Ladies Guild**

Grace Ladies Guild will be starting their 67<sup>th</sup> year on Saturday, Sept 16, 10-11:30am at school. All ladies of Grace are invited as we kick off our year by looking to what we have planned and sharing reflections of the 2023 LWML convention held in June. Mark your calendar for LWML Sunday- Sept 21 & 24!

## **Lutheran Hour Ministries Convention**

On Saturday, October 14 the North & South Wisconsin Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL) District Joint Convention will feature the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) at Peace Lutheran Church, 1228 South Park Ave., Neenah, Wisconsin. You are invited to participate in "What is a Two Kingdom Church?" led by Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, executive director of LCRL. The 3 sessions are:

- # 1 Two Kingdoms: One Mission & Foundation
- # 2 God at Work: A Two Kingdom Exercise in the American Context
- # 3 Set Free to Live Freely for Others: A Two Kingdom Engagement of the culture for the sake of the mission of the church

Doors open at 8:00 a.m. with the convention opening in worship at 8:30 a.m. and concluding at 3:30 p.m. Registration is \$30.00 per person, which includes lunch. There is no registration fee for pastors to attend. Register today! For more information or questions contact Neal Schalow, No Wisconsin LLL DP by email at nschalow@juno.com; or Thomas Beineke, So Wisconsin LLL DP by email at tombeineke802@gmail.com. Mail your registration form and fees to Peggy Kraase, So Wisconsin LLL Secretary at N115 W16887 El Camino Dr., Germantown, WI 53022. Registration deadline is October 9, 2023.

**WHEN WE SPEND MONEY CAREFULLY,  
SAVE IT DILIGENTLY, AND GIVE IT  
GENEROUSLY, WE ARE MONEY WISE.**

*"Honor the Lord with your wealth..."*  
(Proverbs 3:9).



**Stewardship Minute**— Too often when seeking guidance and direction on financial matters, we turn to the wisdom of the world. While it is wise to seek advice from financial experts, we would be wiser still to look to God's Word, which is rich in counsel regarding money and possessions. There we learn that God is the source and owner of all things and that He gives us money as a tool to be used to provide for our own needs, to help provide for the physical and spiritual needs of others, and to expand God's Church.



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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 DeBraul at  
414.421.9100 x908 or [sdebraal@LHSAGM.org](mailto:sdebraal@LHSAGM.org).

**[HTTPS://LHSAGM.EJOINME.ORG/SGO2023](https://LHSAGM.EJOINME.ORG/SGO2023)**

**Growing in Grace**  
**August 24<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Offering**

<i>General Offering</i>	\$2,667.00	
<i>On-Line Giving</i>	\$643.31	
<i>Missions</i>	\$0.00	<i>Attendance</i> 98
<i>Debt Fund</i>	\$10.00	<i>Communed</i> 77
<i>Mortgage Offering</i>	\$0.00	
<i>Portals of Prayer</i>	\$0.00	
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b>\$3,320.31</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	9/3	9:00 am	Divine Worship
Tuesday	9/5	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
		6:30 pm	Stephen Ministry Meeting
Wednesday	9/6	6:30 pm	All Board's Meeting
Thursday	9/7	6:30 pm	Divine Worship – LWML Mite Collection
Sunday	9/10	10:00 am	Divine Worship – LWML Mite Collection
		11:00 am	Church Picnic

## 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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