

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

Oak Creek, Wisconsin
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All Saints' Day (Observed)

November 2nd & 5th, 2023

"By His Grace you are saved through faith."



Ephesians 2:8



Image: "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." (Revelation 7:14b)

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 you would like to include a **prayer for someone** in our worship today, please add it to the **Prayer Request Sheet** found on the podium in the narthex.

We're glad you're with us. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Taggatz. If you are in search of a new church home, or are interested in learning more about Grace, we would be happy to visit with you. We hope you'll be back and give us an opportunity to know you!

As We Gather “Why Remember Saints?”

Every year on either November 1 or the first Sunday of November, we pause our busy lives to remember the saints. Lutherans teach that saints are sinners baptized into Christ, they are sinners redeemed by the cross of Jesus, and they are sinners who gave us examples of trusting not in their own heroic feats but in the grace and mercy of God in Jesus. Why remember saints? Our Augsburg Confession of 1530 says it clearly: *“Our churches teach that the history of saints may be set before us so that we may follow the example of their faith and good works, according to our calling”* (AC XXI 1). Why remember the saints? To thank God for their life and witness, to be encouraged in our walk of faith, and to remember and rejoice for God giving us examples of how grace and faith look in the real lives of people we knew.

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 670 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones (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 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b, read responsively*)

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;*

in your righteousness de- | liver me.

For you are my rock and my | fortress;*
and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.
Into your hand I commit my | spirit;*
you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

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.

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

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 God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Litany of Remembrance for All Saints' Day

Today, as we observe All Saints' Day, we commemorate those from our congregation, our friends, and family members who have fallen asleep in Jesus during the past year. A bell or chime is rung following the reading of the name of the deceased. The pastor and congregation then continue with the reading from Holy Scripture.

+ Darlene Zach *

P: I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies;

C: **And whoever lives and believes in Me will never die. (Jn 11:25-26)**

+ Jackie Megestro +

P: Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

C: **Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. (Col 3:1-2)**

Ted Pintaro +

P: I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth.

C: **And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God. (Job 19:25-26)**

+ Marion Davis +

P: I tell you the truth, whoever hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has eternal life.

C: **And will not be condemned: He has crossed over from death to life. (Jn 5:24)**

+ Paul Sheehan +

P: I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

C: Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness. (2 Tim 4:7-8)

+ Robert Ullerich +

P: For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we belong to the Lord.

C: So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. (Rom 14:7-8)

+ Lynda Westrich *

P: ¹²So teach us to number our days

C: that we may get a heart of wisdom. (Psalm 90:12)

+ Cliff Kent +

P: ⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,

C: and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. (Isa. 25:8)

+ Nancy Zimmerman Whitney +

P: ⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

C: ⁴³And Jesus said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (Luke 23:42-43)

+ June Roewer +

P: ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever.

C: The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:14)

+ Fred Praxel +

P: ³⁶Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life,

C: so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. (John 4:36)

+ Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus +

P: ²⁵"Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here,

C: when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. (John 5:25)

+ James Giambi +

P: ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,

C: he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. (Rom. 8:11)

+ Gary Marta +

P: ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

C: ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. (1 Cor. 15:20-21)

+ Larry Wetzel +

P: ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

C: ⁵³For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. (1 Cor. 15:52-53)

+ Cyndi Moulton +

P: ¹³Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak,

C: ¹⁴knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. (2 Cor. 4:13-14)

+ Cory Berg +

P: ¹⁵and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves

C: but for him who for their sake died and was raised. (2 Cor. 5:15)

+ Gary Rubingh +

P: ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world.

C: And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. (1 John 5:4)

+ Hazel Hermann +

P: ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man.

C: He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. (Rev. 21:3)

+ Alan Umaske +

P: ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

C: ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matt. 11:28-30)

+ Debbie Otzelberger +

P: ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell.

C: ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. (Phil. 1:21-23)

+ Ernie Groth +

P: ²³And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

C: ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. (John 12:23-25)

+ Greg Anderson +

P: ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

C: ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. (John 10:14-15 & 27-28)

+ Claire Dotson +

P: ⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

C: ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. (Psalm 23:4-6)

+ Betty Jo Reetz +

P: ⁵Into your hand I commit my spirit;

C: you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God. (Psalm 31:5)

+ Phyllis Berglund +

P: ¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C: ¹⁰“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!” ¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. (Psalm 46:1, 10-11)

+ Jeannette Schlechter +

P: ¹How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

C: ²My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. (Psalm 84:1-2)

+ James Schneiker +

P: ⁷Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. ⁸For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling; ⁹I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

C: ¹⁵Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. (Psalm 116:7-9, 15)

+ Doug Schefft +

P: ³“Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been borne by me from before your birth, carried from the womb;

C: ⁴even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save. (Isaiah 46:3-4)

+ Jean Reed +

P: ¹⁶[Jesus said:] “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,

C: that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

+ Jim Elliot +

P: ²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation

C: ³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” (Luke 2:29-32)

+ Bob Bzdawka +

P: ⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

C: ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. (Isaiah 53:4-5)

+ Myron Stachowiak+

P: ¹But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

C: ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. (*Isaiah 43:1-2*)

+ Mary Dooley +

P: The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

C: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. (*Psalm 121:7-8*)

+ Al Olson +

P: Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!

C: Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. (*Psalm 25:20*)

P: Let us pray... Almighty God, in whose glorious presence live all who depart in the Lord and before whom all the souls of the faithful who are delivered of the burden of the flesh are in joy and felicity, we give You hearty thanks for Your loving-kindness to all Your servants who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors, and we humbly implore Your mercy that we, together with all who have departed in the saving faith, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, in both body and soul, in Your eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

First Reading *Revelation 7:9-17*

(John catches a glimpse in a vision of God's restoration of all creation.)

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

Gradual (*Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5, read responsively*)

- P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
- C **They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

- P Blessed are those whose strength is in You,
- C **in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

Epistle Lesson 1 John 3:1-3

(The Father loves us and calls us His children.)

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

- 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 All Saints' Day "*Alleluia. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us [look] to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Alleluia.*" (Hebrews 12:1a, 2a)

Holy Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

(Jesus blesses some of the least likely people, teaching us that He is blessing us in the midst of all circumstances.)

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

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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 T everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Children’s Message “Who Is “Blessed?” (Matt. 5:1-12) 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 677 For All the Saints (vs. 1-4)

Sermon “The Good News We Need to Hear” (Matt. 5:1-12)

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. By faith the saints of old held fast to Your promise of things hoped for though not yet seen, leaving an example and encouragement for us who walk now by faith and not by sight. Grant that we may faithfully eat and drink this Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood and in the union of His mystical body, the Church, be joined in unending praise with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Moses, Elijah, and all the faithful prophets; the blessed apostles and evangelists, the holy martyrs, and all the saints in glory who fought the good fight of faith before us. 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:

1. *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)*
2. *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)*
3. *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)*
4. *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

-672 Jerusalem the Golden (vs. 1-4)

-822 Alleluia! Let Praises Ring (vs. 1-4)

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 813 Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng (vs. 1-3)

Announcements

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!



*Altar Flowers provided by Sharon Russell
In Memory of Dale and Ida Sanders*

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

For all who worship this day, bless us through your Word, O Lord. Pastor Bill Wurm (Alzheimer's 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); 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) friend of Jill Nowack; Cookie (lung cancer); Evan (healing & strength); Sue Klemme (pancreatic cancer); Keith Iverson (hospice); Scott (kidney failure); Marlene Voss (hearing loss); Rikky (medical testing); Dina (healing & strength); Jennifer (diagnosed with MS); Rachel Goodle (prayers for God's strength); Brooke Bzdawka (blood clot); Daniel Abelt (cancer); and Alyssa (healing & strength); Michael Abelt (healing & strength); Jerry Svcek (in rehab following major surgery & stroke); and Carl Smith (cancer); Stephanie (pregnant with twins); Katie Bailey Klinge (cancer); Andora (surgery for cancer); Rod Novak (healing & strength); Sabrina (cancer); Lori Jablonski (cancer) and Jessie Marshall (healing & strength) friend of Cathy Weeks; Mike Zanardi (healing & strength); Mark Roettgen (kidney stone surgery); Paige (God's help & comfort), Emilee; and Isaac (healing from a broken ankle), Maria (hospitalized), and Jimmie Stone (hospitalized.)

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

We mourn: With the family and friends of Phyllis Berglund, who was called home to heavenly rest last week. *We pray:* *Lord God, heavenly Father, we pray for the family and friends of Phyllis Berglund, as they mourn her death. Receive our humble thanks for all Your mercies granted to Phyllis during her earthly life, especially for calling her by the Gospel and sustaining her in the true faith until her departure. Comfort those who mourn Phyllis' death with the hope of the glorious resurrection and a happy reunion in heaven. Help us to remember that we are mortal, that we may ever prepare ourselves to fall asleep in faith and finally receive the glory promised to all who trust in Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

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

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

Prayers for worship:

Church Office:

Requests on prayer line:

10am-3 pm

3pm-9 pm

Carol Thurber

Pauline Parker

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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 8:00 am</u>	<u>Sunday 10:30 am</u>
<u>Elders</u>	Keith Goodle	Mike Huber	Eric Kamprath
<u>Readers</u>	Suzie Mirenda	Glenn Dotson	Lisa Kamprath
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Janine Tuskowski	Janine Tuskowski	Janine Tuskowski
	Marlene Voss	Marlene Voss	Marlene Voss
<u>Linens</u>	Char Klipfel	Char Klipfel	Char Klipfel
<u>Acolyte</u>			Brilee Simmons
<u>Ushers</u>	Mark Roettgen	Henry Tindall	Archie Gulizia
	Connie Roettgen	Benjamin Tindall	Drew Salzer
			Gabby Salzer

Volunteers Needed to Assist with Worship! We are in need of additional people to assist as ushers and lay readers during worship services, especially for Sunday mornings at 8am and Thursday evenings at 6:30pm. Ushers arrive early, greet people and hand out bulletins before service, gather offerings and assist with communion during service, and straighten up the church after service. Lay readers proclaim God's word to the congregation by reading the Old Testament and Epistle lessons during the worship service. If you are able and willing to help in either of these capacities, please sign up on the sheet in the back of church -- your assistance is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to approach the elder on duty with any questions you may have about these opportunities.

COUSINS NIGHT FOR GRACE ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 6TH FROM 4-7PM!!! Get together your Grace family and friends for a special fundraising night through Cousins Subs! Details are as follows: 20% of sales from 4-7pm on Monday, November 6th, 2023 will be donated to Grace Lutheran School at our Cousins Subs located at 2327 W Ryan Road, Oak Creek WI 53154. Please join us for a night of fun, food, and fellowship and to support Grace Lutheran School!!!

Carol Flanary, the Chief Executive Officer of Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin, will be coming to speak on Sunday November 12th at both worship services and to our Bible Class that Sunday in our Church Sanctuary. Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of WI is a non-profit, state licensed outpatient mental health care agency and adoption service provider, serving the State of Wisconsin. Their licensed therapists and psychologists provide counseling to children, individuals and families with mental health concerns, alcohol and drug addictions, family counseling and adoption services for people of all ages. Come and hear what Carol Flanary has to say about what the ministry of Lutheran Counseling and Family Services has to offer for people in the State of Wisconsin!!!

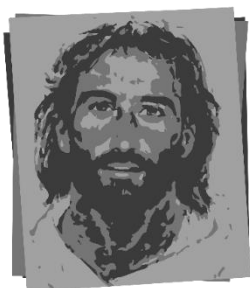
New Members Class on Sunday November 12th from 1:30-5:30pm at Grace Lutheran School

Our next New Members class will take place in our Grace Lutheran School building located at 8537 S. Pennsylvania Ave. I am looking to have the New Members Class on Sunday November 12th from 1:30-

5:30pm. Please also let us know if you might need childcare for this event. Whether you have questions about Christ or want to deepen your faith in Him, this class will explore what the Bible says about our God, and how His love gives direction and meaning to your life today and forever. This class is designed for those who are interested in learning or reviewing the foundations of the Christian faith. Attendance at the class may lead to membership in our church, but there are no obligations. Watch an introductory video at: www.lhm.org/GodConnects.

Choir at Grace

Choir practice is on Thursday evenings in the church following worship. Please consider joining our church choir. Music has a unique way of connecting us with God, and being a part of the choir is a beautiful opportunity to share your voice and your faith. Whether you're an experienced singer or someone who simply loves to sing, we welcome you with open arms. Martin Luther once said, "*He who sings, prays twice.*" Please contact Kathy Kolb, our Choir Director, for further details if you are interested in joining our church's choir.



Holiday Worship Schedule for 2023

“Jesus: The Son of David, the Son of Abraham”

On Thursday nights @ 6:30pm at Grace during the last Thursday in November and the month of December we will once again be having our Advent Midweek Worship Services. There is great interest in genealogies today. In the past, such interest was usually confined to one dutiful family member who would gather all the information together and begin reconstructing the family tree. However, genealogy websites have simplified such work so that even the most casual observers are able to explore their family histories and better understand their pasts. The scientific advances of DNA are also allowing people to explore more than just one or two branches of the family tree and also to understand how all the generations of the past have come together in each unique, individual family member. In these weeks of Advent, the sermons will help us unpack the significance of Jesus' genealogy and how God was at work weaving his plan of salvation throughout the history of his chosen people—*as he reveals in the Old Testament all the way through Joseph and Mary*. Here is the order of holiday worship for the coming month, we hope to see you in worship as we receive Christ's gifts of Word and Sacrament for the forgiveness of our sins, eternal life, and salvation. Please note, there will be no Thursday night worship service on Thursday December 28th.

Wednesday November 22nd 6:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Service with Communion— “Why Christians Give Thanks” (Luke 17:11–19)

Thursday Nov. 30th 6:30pm—Advent Midweek 1— “Jesus: The Son of David” (Matthew 1:1, 6)

Thursday Dec. 7th 6:30pm —Advent Midweek 2— “Jesus: The Son of Abraham” (Matthew 1:1–2)

Sunday December 10th --Special Trim the Tree Service 2nd Sunday in Advent—Sunday worship services of 8am and 10:30am...

Thursday Dec. 14th 6:30pm –Advent Midweek 3— “Jesus: The Son of Scandal” (Matthew 1:1, 3, 5–6)

Thursday Dec. 21st 6:30pm –Advent Midweek 4—“Jesus: The Son of Joseph” (Matthew 1:16)

Sunday December 24th 9:30am 4th Sunday in Advent with Communion

Sunday Dec. 24th 4pm, 5:30pm–Christmas Eve: “Jesus: The Son of Mary” (Matthew 1:16)

Monday Dec. 25th 9:30am–Christmas Day: “Christmas, as John Writes It” (John 1:1–14)

No Thursday evening worship on Thursday December 28th

Sunday December 31st 9:30am New Year’s Eve Worship— Guest Pastor Jim Klug

Sunday January 7th 8am & 10:30am Services— “People Who Don’t Belong” (Matthew 2:1–12)

Help us Decorate the Chancel for Christmas! Order Your Poinsettia Plant Now!

<i>Pot Size</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Cost</i>
<i>6”</i>	<i>Average width 16”</i>	<i>\$16.00</i>
<i>7”</i>	<i>Average width 18”</i>	<i>\$21.00</i>
<i>10”</i>	<i>Average width 28”</i>	<i>\$40.00</i>

*****The deadline to order flowers is Sunday, November 19th.*** Please make checks payable to: Grace Lutheran Church. The flowers will be red with a gold foil. Please note, in order to get your order, you must have payment in by Sunday November 19th. Please use the Sign Up sheet on the table in the narthex and include your money in the envelope provided, placing it in the basket or if you have any questions, or would like to place your order with us by phone: please contact the Church office at 762-8990.**

Stephen Ministry Training at Grace—Are you interested in becoming a Stephen Minister? Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ’s love and care to people during a time of need. Trainees learn how to listen to, care for, and walk with those going through difficult times in life. After being matched with a person experiencing a life crisis, the Stephen Minister meets with that person on a weekly basis to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. The caring relationship lasts as long as the need for care exists. We are going to begin a new training session for Stephen Ministers in February of 2024. The training is scheduled to take place on Sunday evenings from 6-8:30pm starting February 11th and ending June 23rd. (We will take off for Easter Monday and Memorial Day). If you would like to learn more about Stephen Ministry, you can contact Jeanne Meyer at: meyorch@sbcglobal.net or 414-423-0010. Look for a special informational meeting between our Sunday morning worship services in December where you will have more information to learn about training to

become a Stephen Minister at Grace! To learn more about Stephen Ministry you can also go to this website:
www.stephenministries.org/stephenministry/default.cfm/917

Grief Share Group starting in October at Grace Lutheran School

No matter what the circumstances, grief recovery is a painful process. Have you or someone you know experienced the death of a loved one recently? At the end of October we are starting a special seminar and support group that we sponsor for people dealing with the loss of a family member here at Grace Lutheran. We understand how deeply grief and loss hurt people and families, and we simply wanted you to know about our Grief Share group. It's a place where many people have found they can begin putting their lives back together again with the Lord's help and with the love and encouragement of His Church. Our Grief Share grief recovery seminar and support group will meet on Monday evenings starting October 30th from 6:30-8:00pm in the school library and it will end on Monday February 12th. We will take off December 25th and January 1st. There will also be a special lesson on "Surviving the Holidays," for those grieving the death of loved ones, which will take place on Monday November 20th. The cost for attending is \$20.00. Grace Lutheran School is located at: 8537 S. Pennsylvania Ave. Lori Kachelmeier and Jeanne Meyer will be the leaders for this Grief Share Group. Grief Share features nationally recognized experts on grief recovery topics. Seminar sessions include *"Is This Normal?" "The Challenges of Grief," "Grief and Your Relationships," "Why?" and "Guilt and Anger."* For more information or to register: go to the website: www.griefshare.org and enter our zip code "53154" to the left of "find a group" box and do a search. It will bring up our Monday 6:30 pm meetings. For further questions please call Lori Kachelmeier at: 414-828-0290.

Worship Services at Willow Crest Nursing Home Volunteers Needed--Grace Lutheran Church members have helped out with leading worship services at Willow Crest Nursing Home on Sunday mornings. We have started leading these worship services again and could use some volunteers to help out with this ministry. The worship services are roughly 30 minutes long and are held at 10:00am on Sundays at Willow Crest Nursing Home located at: 3821 Chicago Ave., South Milwaukee, WI 53172. We typically meet at Willow Crest at 9:45am to get prepared for the service and are done by 10:45am. You may end up leading a worship service at Willow Crest once a month, or every 5 to 6 weeks, depending on how many people are willing to volunteer. We would also provide you with resources to help you lead worship services at Willow Crest, and if you would like to shadow someone to see how the worship services are conducted, we can show you how it is done. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jeanne Meyer at: meyorch@sbcglobal.net or 414-719-2257.

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 \$24,781.63 for the church & school furnace fund, thank you for your support!!!**

Adult Bible Class Topic— God’s Word for Today: 1 & 2 Thessalonians—*The Lord is Faithful.* On Sunday mornings in the school building, we will be studying 1 & 2 Thessalonians from 9:15-10:15am. In this bible study you will learn that God gave Paul a vision. In it, a man from Macedonia pleaded with Paul saying, "*Come over to Macedonia and help us*" (Acts 16:9). Following the Lord's call, Paul and his entourage eventually reached Thessalonica. In his two letters addressed to the Thessalonian Christians, Paul expresses his deep care as a founding pastor concerned about his fledgling congregation. In addition to Christian persecution, the Lord's second coming, the antichrist, and Christian discipline, in this bible study you will learn about:

1. the power of the word of God;
2. the importance of living a God-pleasing life;
3. the reason why we are faithful to the bible's teachings.

IN THE WORD FOR ALL SAINTS’ DAY (OBSERVED)

Catechism: Creed—Third Article

Verse of the week: John 15:26, “*When the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.*”

Psalm of the week: Psalm 116:12-19

Hymn of the week: (LSB 677) “For All the Saints” (stanzas 1-4)

Bible Readings for the Week:

Sunday— The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant—Matthew 18:21-35

Monday— Joshua’s Farewell Address—Joshua 23:1-4; 24:2-14

Tuesday— The Death of Joshua—Joshua 24:13-31

Wednesday— The Conquest of Canaan Continues—Judges 1:1-9, 27-33; 2:1-6

Thursday— Israel’s Unfaithfulness and the Judges—Judges 2:7-23

Friday— Othniel, Israel’s First Judge—Judges 3:7-11

Saturday—The Excellence of Wisdom—Proverbs 8:11-22

“Our comfort and motivation do not derive from laws. We neither live only according to the body nor labor for this world alone. No matter who holds office or how they decide and lead, the Lord our God reigns.” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – 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 "Times of Mourning, Times of Blessing" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. We will all go through times of mourning, but we don't all necessarily face it the same way. (Matthew 5:4) **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

Stewardship Minute— As God’s people, we live every day by the grace of God. He has created and redeemed us. In spite of our sinful ways, God has chosen us by His grace to be His children. We see God’s grace in who we are and what we have. Knowing that God has graciously given us our physical and spiritual lives, we are empowered by His grace to show our gratitude. One of the more important ways that we show our thanksgiving is through our giving. We give because God first gave to us (John 3:16)

LOVE IS SACRIFICIAL, GIVES UNCONDITIONALLY, AND ACTS WITHOUT EXPECTATION.

“In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins”
(1 John 4:10).



On **Sunday November 5th**, the Martin Luther High School will host a Fall Band Festival. This concert features the ML Woodwind Ensemble, Varsity Band, Symphonic Band, and 6-8th grade Kadet Band. Along with the individual performances, the festival includes a special 65-piece combined 6-12th grade band.

The Symphonic Band will premiere an original composition by Martin Luther graduate, Jeffrey Torres. His piece, A Life Well Lived, honors the life and work of the first band director at ML, Mr. David H. Krubsack. This concert, free to the public, will be held at **2:00pm** at Martin Luther High School. A free offering will be taken. Please come and enjoy God’s gift of music with some very talented young adults!

Growing in Grace
October 26th & October 29th, 2023

Offering

<i>General Offering</i>	\$1999.00	
<i>On-Line Giving</i>	\$732.01	
<i>Missions</i>	\$0.00	<i>Attendance</i> 105
<i>Debt Fund</i>	\$0.00	<i>Communed</i> 80
<i>Mortgage Offering</i>	\$0.00	
<i>Portals of Prayer</i>	\$0.00	
<i>Total</i>	\$2731.01	

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	11/05	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Divine Worship Adult Bible Study Sunday School Divine Worship
Monday	11/6	6:30 pm 6:30 pm 4-7:00 pm	Confirmation Class Grief Share Dining out Night – Cousins, Oak Creek
Tuesday	11/7	7:00 am 6:30 pm	Men’s Bible Study and Breakfast (OC Diner) Stephen Ministry Meeting
Wednesday	11/8	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study Council Meeting
Thursday	11/9	6:30 pm	Divine Worship
Friday	11/10	-----	-----
Sunday	11/12	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Divine Worship Adult Bible Study 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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