

# Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

Oak Creek, Wisconsin  
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*Celebrate  
Teach  
Share*

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 11<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

*"By His Grace you are saved through faith."  
Ephesians 2:8*



**Image:** “As they were talking about these things, Jesus Himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Touch Me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.” (Luke 24:36-40)

# 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 "Easter People Rejoice"**

Luke reports that at seeing the resurrected Jesus, the disciples "*disbelieved for joy*" (24:41). The theme of rejoicing is woven throughout the Scriptures. The psalmist exhorts: "*Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!*" (66:1-2). The prophet Isaiah assures God's people that they will have cause for rejoicing as he writes: "*For the LORD comforts Zion; . . . joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song*" (51:3). Paul writes to people who know of the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ on that first Easter day: "*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice*" (Philippians 4:4). The season of Easter is a time for joyous praise that begins now!

### **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 (Thursday & 8am only) 483 With High Delight Let Us Unite (vs. 1-3)

Grace Lutheran School Choir—"The Lamb" (Sunday 10:30am only)

*(Please note: After the students sing, they are dismissed to sit back with their parents after the song)*

*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 30:1-5; antiphon: Psalm 16:11b, read responsively)**

In your presence there is full- | ness of joy;\*

at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have | drawn me up\*  
and have not let my foes rejoice | over me.  
O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help,\*  
and you have | healed me.  
O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;\*  
you restored me to life from among those who go down | to the pit.  
Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,\*  
and give thanks to his | holy name.  
For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a | lifetime.\*  
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the | morning.

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.

In your presence there is full- | ness of joy;\*  
at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

#### 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. O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C Amen.

*Sit*

**Rite of Holy Baptism (Thursday Night Service only, LSB pg. 268)**—We rejoice in the baptism of *MacKenzie Isenhart, the daughter of Chuck Isenhart*, on Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup>. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!!!

**First Reading *Acts 3:11-21***

*(Peter preaches in the heart of Jerusalem.)*

<sup>11</sup>While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

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

**Gradual** (*adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6, read responsively*)

Christ has risen | from the dead.\*

**[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.**

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;\*

**he has put all things un- | der his feet.**

**Epistle Lesson 1 John 3:1-7**

**(We are God's children now.)**

<sup>1</sup>See 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. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, 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. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

- 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter** *"Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia."* (Romans 6:9; Luke 24:32)

**Holy Gospel Luke 24:36-49**

*(The disciples are witnesses of the risen Lord.)*

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.  
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

- 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 (Sunday only) "Children of God: Today, Tomorrow, and Forever" (1 John 3:1-7)** 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 466 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia (vs. 1-4)**

**Sermon (Thursday only) "You Are My Witnesses" (Luke 24:36-49)**

**Guest Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Ross Shaver, LCMS Missionary to the Dominican Republic

**(Sunday only) "What Will I Look Like?" (1 John 3:1-7)**

**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 web-site at [graceoakcreek.org](http://graceoakcreek.org). You may give a onetime gift or set up your regular weekly or monthly offering. Those using this method of giving may still bring their envelope if they wish and simply write 'online giving' on the outside and place it in the offering plate.



*Stand*

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

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### **Preface** *LSB 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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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:

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

-737 Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing (vs. 1-5)

-744 Amazing Grace (vs. 1-5)

*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. Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and  
nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ,  
our Lord. Strengthen us so that we may continue to proclaim Your love to all the  
world and keep us in Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son  
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 480 He's Risen, He's Risen (vs. 1-4)**

**Announcements**

**P: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!**

**C: Thanks be to God!**



**Altar Flowers Given by Diane Pielsnik**

**in Honor of her Birthday on April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

***For all who worship this day, bless us through your Word, O Lord.*** Tom Janes (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); 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); Cookie (lung cancer); Evan (healing & strength); Scott (kidney failure); Jennifer (diagnosed with MS); Rachel Goodle (prayers for God's strength); Daniel Abelt (cancer); and Alyssa (healing & strength); Sabrina (cancer); Lori Jablonski (cancer)

and **Jessie Marshall** (healing & strength) friend of Cathy Weeks; **Steve Benzie** (stomach pain, hernia); **Craig** (stem cell transplant); **Sara Keno** (seizures); **Dale Schmidt** (Huntington's Disease); and **Mike Zanardi** (pancreatic cancer); **Sharon McCaigue** (cancer); and **Cheryl** (cancer) friend of Sharon Iseli; **Carol Long** (cancer) friend of Joy Lussier; and **Blaine Goldner** (kidney transplant) friend of Carol Loveall; **Henry** (spinal cancer) friend of Sharon Iseli, **Sharon Iseli** (healing); **Lisa** (pancreas, and kidney transplant) friend of Dena Guziewicz; **Larry Herte** (knee surgery); **Allyson Hengst** (healing for her ankle); and **Mariya** (cancer); and **Brooke Bzdawka** (healing & strength) relative of Sharon Bzdawka; **Jan Barrett** (healing & strength); **Donnie** (healing & strength) Morgan Parker's Uncle; **Bob** (healing & strength) relative of Pauline Parker; **Sue de Shano** (broken ankle) sister of Carol Loveall; **Maria** (recovery from surgery) friend of Marlene Voss; **Sharon** (healing) Marlene Voss's sister in law; **Cliff** (hospice) Marlene Voss's friend; **Tim Gerum** (recovery from a fall) husband of Missy Gerum, and friend of Sharon Iseli; **Bob Morgan** (hospitalized); **The Lauters Family**.

**For our Homebound Members at Grace:** Kathy Gaudian, Bernice Byklum, Art Steinborn, Patricia Groth, and Gloria Kilponen, Doc Medek.

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!** We thank the Lord that on Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup>, *MacKenzie Isenhart, the daughter of Chuck Isenhart*, is baptized into the Christian faith through both water and the power of God's Word in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism here at Grace! We praise the Lord that her name is written in God's book of life!!!

**We thank Rev. Dr. Ross Shaver** for sharing the message from God's Word with us on Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup>, and for presenting to us what the Lord is doing in missions in the Dominican Republic through the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. May God continue to richly bless Pastor Shaver and his ministry to God's people!

***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 4/11 6:30pm</u>	<u>Sunday 4/14 8:00am</u>	<u>Sunday 4/14 10:30am</u>
<u>Elders</u>	Lance Kopperud	Brandon Dachel	Richard Jackson
<u>Readers</u>	Suzie Mirenda	Erica Vitek	Beth Jackson
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Lynn Buzzell	Lynn Buzzell	Lynn Buzzell
	Jennifer Olen	Jennifer Olen	Jennifer Olen
<u>Linens</u>	Char Klipfel	Char Klipfel	Char Klipfel

Ushers

Madilyn Hundt  
Garrison Hundt

Bob Buzzell  
Lynn Buzzell

Rick Weeks  
Kathy Weeks  
Tyler Scheinfeld

Acolyte  
Livestream

Glenn Dotson

Brilee Simmons

### **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.

**Experience the Holy Land, Plus Optional Egypt Extension!!!** This Holy Land Tour will be hosted by LCMS Pastors Aaron Koch & Tony Oliphant from March 17-26, 2025. The cost is \$4627 from Chicago, IL. Details for the trip can be located in the church narthex. Questions? Please contact Pastor Aaron Koch at: 414-795-9005 or [pastor.koch@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.koch@gmail.com). Register online at: [registernow.ittworld.com](http://registernow.ittworld.com). Tour code: Koch25. Early bird savings off the total trip cost with your initial deposit of \$500!!!

**Lutheran Schools Night**, Saturday, April 27th. Join us for a night of family fun as the Milwaukee Brewers take on the New York Yankees, 6:10 PM. You can select seats from the Loge Outfield Box (where our group has been in past years) or from outfield box, infield box or terrace infield seats. Tickets range from \$15-\$59. You can also purchase a parking pass in advance.. For groups of 10+, please contact Teddy Sibilski, Milwaukee Brewers. If you are ordering tickets for a group, you can forward tickets via text or email to individuals Ballpark App. Purchase your tickets online at <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Lutheranschools24> or scan the QR code by April 12. Questions? Contact Robin, SWD, [mueller@swd.lcms.org](mailto:mueller@swd.lcms.org). Go Brewers!

**Save the Date!!!** Our Vacation Bible School this Summer will be taking place on Friday June 14<sup>th</sup> at Grace Lutheran School. We are in need of Teachers and Volunteers for our upcoming VBS. If you would like to help out, please contact our Sunday School Superintendent and VBS Coordinator, Jill Nowack at: [sundayschool@graceoakcreek.org](mailto:sundayschool@graceoakcreek.org). Thanks for your consideration in helping out with this exciting event!!! The theme this year will be: "Dive In" - Come explore under the sea with us. VBS - 2024--Friday, June 14 starting with supper at 5:30 PM and VBS starts at 6:00 PM. Our Bible lesson will be in 1 Samuel 20 where, Jonathan Serves God by helping David. The Bible Verse for the evening will be, "Serve one another in love" (Galatians 5:13). The sea creature will be a dolphin.

**Altar Guild** -We at Grace are blessed with not just one faithful and selfless individual who tends to the altar, we have a whole team of such folks! And we are looking for more to join the team! Altar Guild duties are divided into Communion Set-up and Linen Care. Our schedules are flexible so we can accommodate your schedule. Questions about serving? Contact: Jennifer Olen 414.305.3740 [olenjennifer@aol.com](mailto:olenjennifer@aol.com) OR ask one of the altar ladies as you see her working in the altar room!

**Altar Guild Opportunity!** After many years of using her gifts to cross stitch Grace’s baptismal napkins, Debbie Oelke will be retiring her needle and scissors. We are looking for someone to take up their needle and scissors to make these beautiful keepsakes for those coming to the baptismal font. If you are interested or have questions about what is involved in making these, please reach out to Jennifer Olen 414.305.3740 [olenjennifer@aol.com](mailto:olenjennifer@aol.com)

### **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 \$27,736.63 for the church & school furnace fund, thank you for your support!** *(In the month of December, we had to replace the twin furnaces to the school gym and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade classroom at a cost of about \$9,000, we couldn’t have been able to replace these furnaces without your help and support from our furnace fund, which has been approved in our previous voter’s meetings. We actually saved \$1000 by purchasing the two furnaces together. Thank you!)*

**Adult Bible Class Topic— God’s Word for Today: 1 Peter “God’s Chosen People.”** On Sunday mornings in the school library from 9:15-10:15am, we will be studying 1 Peter. In this Bible Study you will learn that by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the apostle Peter writes His first epistle to those concerned about living their Christian faith in a sometimes unreceptive and even hostile environment. Peter’s words of hope are just as timely today as they were for the believers of the first century who first received them.

## **IN THE WORD FOR 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Catechism:** Table of Duties—Of Citizens: Matthew 22:21; Romans 13:5-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-3; Titus 3:1; 1 Peter 2:13-14

**Verse of the week:** Romans 8:28, “*We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.*”

**Psalm of the week:** Psalm 23

**Hymn of the week:** LSB 483 “With High Delight Let Us Unite” (stanza 1)

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

**Sunday**—“I Am the Good Shepherd”—John 10:11-16

**Monday**— Israel Demands a King—1 Samuel 8:1-22

**Tuesday**— Saul Is Chosen to Be King—1 Samuel 9:1-6 (7-9) 10-24

**Wednesday**— Saul Is Anointed King—1 Samuel 9:25—10:16

**Thursday**— Saul Is Proclaimed King—1 Samuel 10:17-27

**Friday**— Saul Saves Jabesh Gilead—1 Samuel 11:1-15

**Saturday**—The Steadfast Love of the Lord Never Ceases—Lamentations 3:22-33

“So, what can we do? We must keep doing what we have always done. We must continue to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. We must be sure our own church members, families, friends, and co-workers understand the value that God places on all human life.” *Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)* “Hurting from abortion or going through a crisis pregnancy? Word of Hope can help. [word-of-hope.org](http://word-of-hope.org); Call 888-217-8679.

**LUTHERAN HOUR "Breathe In, Breathe Out"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez.

The Holy Spirit breathes life into the Church and the Church breathes that life out to the world, with the love of Christ. (Acts 2:42-47) **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** God wants us to be fruitful. Spiritual fruit is the love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control of Jesus that is seen in us (Galatians 5:22). We are also spiritually fruitful when we share our time, abilities, money, and ourselves with God and others. We can do all these things because of the Holy Spirit Who came to live in us when we were baptized. In the book of John, Jesus explains to us how the Holy Spirit does this. Jesus said we must abide in him. How can we do that? By going to church and Bible studies, by reading the Bible, and by praying. This is how Jesus makes us fruitful stewards who want to help and share with others.

**GOD BLESSES US SO WE CAN  
SERVE HIM BY SERVING  
OTHERS.**

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10).



**Grief Share Group starting on March 11<sup>th</sup> 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? On March 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Church Oak Creek. 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 meets on Monday evenings at Grace Lutheran School March 11<sup>th</sup>-the middle of June 2024 from 6:30-8:30pm in the School Library. The cost for attending is \$20.00. Grace Lutheran School is located at: 8537 S. Pennsylvania Ave. Oak Creek, WI. 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, call our Church office at 414-762-8990 or email us at: [church@graceoakcreek.org](mailto:church@graceoakcreek.org)

**Rev. Dr. Ross and Kris Shaver Visiting Grace Oak Creek on Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup>!!!**  
*Serving the Lord in the Dominican Republic*



Rev. Dr. Ross Shaver and his family will be joining us at Grace Lutheran on Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup>. He will be preaching at our Thursday evening worship service and then he will be giving a talk about his missionary work in the Dominican Republic. The Evangelism Committee will be serving light refreshments following the worship service for Pastor Shaver's speech on LCMS mission work in the Dominican Republic. Pastor Shaver is a classmate of Pastor Taggatz, they both graduated from Concordia Seminary St. Louis in 2007. We look forward to having Pastor Shaver and his family with us on Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup>!!!

**Bio of Pastor Shaver and Family:** The Rev. Dr. Ross and Kris Shaver serve the Lord as missionaries through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in the Dominican Republic. As a church planter and theological educator, Ross works with mission churches in the area, mentors future pastors in practice and theology, and assists in the formation of congregational leadership in conjunction with Concordia the Reformer Seminary.

Ross is originally from Roswell, N.M. He has a bachelor's degree in liberal studies/international studies from Oregon State University; a Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; and a doctorate in Pastoral Care and Leadership from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. Prior to becoming a missionary, he served as pastor of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Homedale, Idaho (2007–2011), and Zion Lutheran Church and School, Nampa, Idaho (2011–2024). In his free time, he enjoys camping, leathercraft, reading and spending time with family.

Kris's hometown is Bakersfield, Calif. She has an associate degree in child development from Bakersfield College, Bakersfield, Calif., and a bachelor's degree in liberal studies (with an emphasis in education) from Concordia University Irvine, Irvine, Calif. Kris has held several jobs in education, including as assistant director of residential life at Concordia, Irvine; as a teacher at Zion Lutheran School, Nampa, Idaho; and as administrative assistant for the College of Idaho's education department. In her free time, she enjoys sewing, knitting, spending time with family, baking, camping, reading and gardening.

**Prayers:** Pray for the Shavers as they serve in the Dominican Republic. Ask God to give them comfort, strength and guidance as they transition to a new location, language and culture. In addition, pray that they would share Christ's love with everyone they meet. Give thanks to God that the Shavers are serving His children in this part of the world.

**Giving Online:** You can partner with the LCMS by making an online gift restricted in use to the support of the SHAVER family by going to this website: <https://www.lcms.org/Shaver>

Giving by Check: You can also make a donation towards this family's ministry by check.

*Mail your check, made payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and designated with their last name, to:* The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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(Or call 888-930-4438 to speak with someone.)

**Voters Meeting at Grace on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> following our 10:30am worship service.**

At this Voters Meeting we will be presenting our proposed budget for the next year. We will also have Board updates, a report from Pastor Taggatz, discuss about the church & school furnace fundraiser, the treasurer's report, and we will have an update on new members at Grace. Please plan on attending the Voters meeting, as your support and involvement in our ministries here at Grace is deeply needed and appreciated. The election of officers will take place at the Voter's meeting in June of this year.

**Coffee and Baked Goods Fellowship -After Services at Church**

*Thursday, April 18th*

*Sunday, April 21st*

*Thursday, May 16th*

*Sunday, May 19th*

**Ice Cream Social at Grace**

*Thursday June 6th*

*Sunday June 9th*

*\*If you would like to bake for the Coffee Fellowship please let Pauline know.*

**Grace Ladies Guild April Meeting**

Saturday, April 20 9am-11am

Zone 1 Spring Rally at Chapel of the Cross Lutheran -3353 S. Whitnall Ave, Milwaukee

Deaconess Grace Rao, Executive Director of A Place of Refuge

Gifts from the Heart items: Laundry detergent-allergy sensitive, Dryer Sheets-allergy sensitive

**Footsteps of Paul and Glories of Greece Tour** Join Pastor Doug Schroeder from Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Greenfield (LCMS) as we tour Thessaloniki (Thessalonica), Athens, Kalambaka, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, and Crete! We will be departing **July 19, 2024**, and the tour is 8 days, \$4,298 including airfare and hotels. An additional 3-day cruise will have shore excursions to Patmos, Ephesus, and Santorini, at \$1,298. This is a rare departure from Pastor Doug's Holy Land tours. Let's see these wonderful locations! Full details are on their website: [ourshepherdlutheran.org](http://ourshepherdlutheran.org).

**Hunger Task Force -Annual Fund Drive** *The Evangelism Board finished their drive for Hunger Task Force! We raised \$535.00, and 128 pounds of peanut butter was donated! A very big thank you to everyone who donated to this charitable cause!*

**Rise & Sonshine Bible Study Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> 8:00am-9:30am at School** *Flowing from the Cross: Six Facets of God's Forgiveness by Daniel Paavola (Available through Concordia Publishing House.)* Join us for fellowship while being in God's Word! All ladies are invited!

**Your 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Giving Statements are available in the Narthex.**

Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support of the ministries here at Grace!!!

**Your Easter Flowers can be picked up in the chancel area following worship.** Thank you for beautifying our sanctuary for the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection from the dead. Your flowers should be labeled so that you are able to find them. Also, there are bags available in the vestry to transport your flowers home.

## Growing in Grace – April 4<sup>th</sup> -April 7<sup>th</sup>

<i>General Offering</i>	<i>\$2941.00</i>	
<i>On-Line Giving</i>	<i>\$4996.08</i>	
<i>Missions</i>	<i>\$220.00</i>	
<i>Debt Fund</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>Total Attendance 31/83</i>
<i>Mortgage Offering</i>	<i>\$275.00</i>	<i>Total Communed 85</i>
<i>Portals of Prayer</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b><i>\$8432.08</i></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 COMING WEEK

Sunday	4/14	<b>8:00 am</b> <b>9:15 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship</b> <b>Adult Bible Study</b> <b>Divine Worship</b>
Monday	4/15	<b>6:00 pm</b> <b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Financial Peace University</b> <b>Grief Share</b>
Tuesday	4/16	<b>7:00 am</b> <b>10am-10pm</b>	<b>Men’s Bible Study and Breakfast (OC Diner)</b> <b>Culver’s Dining Out Event</b>
Wednesday	4/17	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Ladies Bible Study</b>
Thursday	4/18	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Divine Worship</b> <b>*Coffee Social after Worship</b>
Friday	4/19	-----	-----
Saturday	4/20	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Rise &amp; Sonshine Bible Study</b>
Sunday	4/21	<b>8:00 am</b> <b>9:15 am</b> <b>9:15 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b> <b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship</b> <b>Adult Bible Study</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>Divine Worship</b> <b>Church Budget Voters Meeting</b> <b>*Coffee Social After Worship</b>

## 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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