

# Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

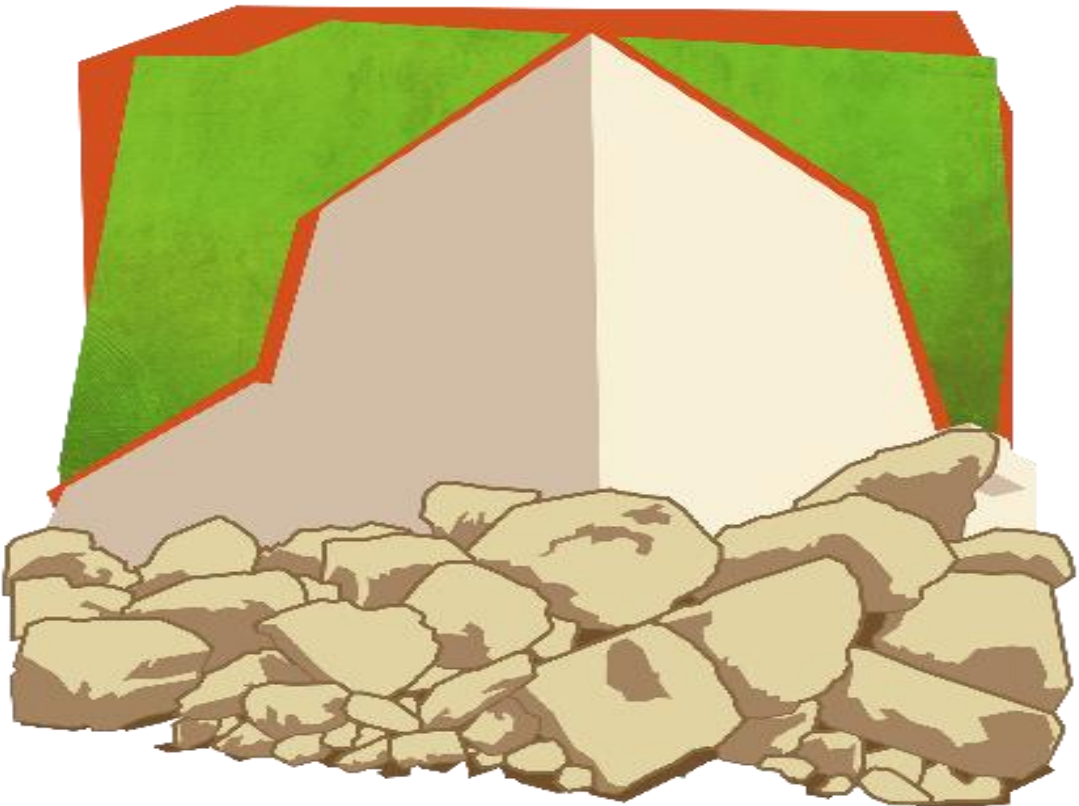
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*Celebrate  
Teach  
Share*

## 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

November 14<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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



*Image:* "As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, "Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!" And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." (Mark 13:1-2)

## 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 *"In Christ We Will Endure"***

The ending of a liturgical year speaks of the end of all things. Our Lord spoke plainly about the end of the world. There are signs the end is coming. Jesus' teaching seems to elicit only question marks on our part. *"When?" "What?" "How?"* The signs He speaks of include false teachers in the church, wars, rumors of wars, and earthquakes as *"but the beginning of the birth pains"* (Mark 13:8). The Jewish people of Jesus' time on earth would be alarmed at His prediction of the destruction of the temple as it would mean the end of their faith and hope in God. The world is to see, however, that the loving, saving God is closer than ever in the new temple of the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen again for the life of the world. As the beloved hymn says, our *"hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness."* No merit of our own can prepare us *"when darkness veils, . . . in every high and stormy gale, . . . in the raging flood; when every earthly prop gives way."* No matter what comes we are *"clothed in His righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before His throne! On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand"* (LSB 575/576).

### **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 (Thursday night & Sunday 8am only) 793 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven  
(vs. 1-4)

Grace Lutheran School Choir—"Who You Say I Am" (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 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 48:11-14; antiphon: Mark 13:13b, read responsively*)

The one who endures | to the end\*  
will | be saved.

Let Mount Zion | be glad!\*

**Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your | judgments!**

Walk about Zion, go around her, number her | towers,\*

**consider well her ramparts, go through her | citadels,**

that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and | ever.\*

**He will guide us for- | ever.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

The one who endures | to the end\*

**will | be saved.**

### **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. O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

**Rite of Holy Baptism (Sunday 10:30am only, LSB pg. 268)**—We rejoice in the baptism of *Samuel Jacob Hagar, the son of Josh & Ariel Hagar*, on Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup>. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!!!

**Old Testament Reading** *Daniel 12:1-3*

**(The time of the end)**

<sup>1</sup>“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual** (*Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5, 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.**

Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,\*

**in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.**

**Epistle Lesson** *Hebrews 10:11-25*

***(The full assurance of faith)***

<sup>11</sup>Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup>waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

<sup>15</sup>And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

<sup>16</sup>“This is the covenant that I will make with them  
after those days, declares the Lord:  
I will put my laws on their hearts,  
and write them on their minds,”

<sup>17</sup>then he adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

<sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse LSB 205**

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

**Alleluia Verse for the 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost—“Alleluia. The one who endures to the end will be saved. Alleluia.” (Mark 13:13b)**

**Holy Gospel Mark 13:1-13**

***(Signs of the end of the age)***

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!” <sup>2</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”

<sup>3</sup>And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>“Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?” <sup>5</sup>And Jesus began to say to them, “See that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains.

<sup>9</sup>“But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. <sup>10</sup>And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. <sup>11</sup>And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. <sup>12</sup>And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. <sup>13</sup>And you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.”

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 (Thursday night & Sunday 8am only) “Jesus and Scary Things” (Mark 13:1-13)** The children of the congregation are invited to come up to the chancel area for a special message for them. Please note—parents of small children may also come up near the chancel area to accompany their children for the message)

**Sermon Hymn 508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near (vs. 1-3, 5)**

**Sermon “The Gathering of the Body of Christ” (Heb. 10:11-25)**

### **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 208**

- P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.  
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**



- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### **Sanctus *LSB 208***

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

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving *LSB 209***

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

### **Lord's Prayer *LSB 209***

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

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

### **The Words of Our Lord *LSB 209***

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

### **Pax Domini *LSB 209***

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

### **Agnus Dei *LSB 210***

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

*Sit*

### **Distribution**

#### **We celebrate the Lord's Supper**

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

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**

**-575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (vs. 1-4)**

**-725 Children of the Heavenly Father (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. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; 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 645 Built on the Rock (vs. 1-4)**

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord  
People: **Thanks be to God!!!**



**Altar Flowers are given by Pauline Parker & her Granddaughter Morgan, In Loving Memory of Pauline's husband Chet's Birthday**

### **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); Michael Helzer (cancer); Michael Parker (healing & strength); Jim & Kari (healing and strength); Greg Voss (healing & strength); Curt Bayer (cancer) former member of Grace; Sindy Schmidt (healing); 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); Scott (kidney failure); Jennifer (diagnosed with MS); Daniel Abelt (cancer); and Alyssa (healing & strength); Lori Jablonski (cancer) and Jessie Marshall (healing & strength) friend of Cathy Weeks; Steve Benzie (stomach pain, hernia); 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; **Sharon Iseli** (healing); **Mariya** (cancer); **Brooke Bzdawka** (healing & strength) relative of Sharon Bzdawka; **Jake** (cancer) Grandson of Rose Adams; **Terri** (healing and strength) friend of Joy Lussier; **John Loveall** (bone cancer) brother in law of Carol Loveall; **Cris Evers** (healing & strength); **Georgeanne** (Parkinsons disease) friend of Sharon Iseli; **Laura** (Lou Gehrig's Disease) friend of Jim & Janine Pieper; **Diane Krueger** (knee surgery); **Don Adams** (cancer) relative of Pauline Parker; **Larry Herte** (healing & strength); **Linda Stecker's Son in Law** (battling brain cancer); **Jacob Schneider** (leukemia) friend of Sharon Iseli; **Brennan** (motorcycle accident, healing & strength) friend of Greg & Gail Nowakowski; **Diane Poris** (medical tests); **Charlotte Klipfel** (surgery); **Gayle Stephen** (pancreatic cancer) cousin of Suzie Mirenda.

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

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!** We thank the Lord that on Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup>, *Samuel Jacob Hagar, the son of Josh and Ariel Hagar*, 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!!!

**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 in 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>Elders</u>	<u>Thursday 11/14 6:30pm</u>	<u>Sunday 11/17 8:00am</u>	<u>Sunday 11/17 10:30am</u>
<u>Readers</u>	Brandon Dachel	Adam Voss	Eric Kamprath
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Kathy Szefflinski	Erica Vitek	Jen Lau
<u>Linens</u>	Janine & Marlene	Janine & Marlene	Janine & Marlene
<u>Acolyte</u>	Char Klipfel	Char Klipfel	Char Klipfel
<u>Ushers</u>	Mark Roettgen	Matthew Scherer	
	Connie Roettgen	Madilyn Hundt	Rick Weeks
		Garrison Hundt	Kathy Weeks
<u>Livestream</u>		Glenn Dotson	

**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.

### **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.

**Ebou Faye, a Missionary with People of the Book Lutheran Outreach (POBLO) in the South WI District, and Pastor Schroeder, will be coming to speak on Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup> at both worship services and to our Bible Class that Sunday in our Church Sanctuary.** People Of The Book Lutheran Outreach (POBLO) International Ministries is a non-profit, Christian organization that is passionate about sharing the love of Jesus with Muslims and other immigrants and refugees living in the United States. Unlike in the past, American Christians do not have to go overseas to do mission work — the mission field is in our own front yard. Poblo International Ministries is responding to this change in demographics and revolutionizing the way the gospel is shared by engaging in cross-cultural missions and grassroots community outreach here in the United States and training and partnering with local churches. Come and hear what Ebou Faye and Pastor Schroeder have to say about the mission work among Muslims and other immigrants in the State of Wisconsin!!!

### **Ladies Bible Study**

The Ladies Bible Study will be starting up again. Please join us on Wednesday mornings at Church at 9:30 a.m. We are studying, *"Flowing from the Cross: Six Facets of God's Forgiveness"* by Daniel Paavola. Join us!!!

**Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup> - Fellowship Bingo** - Our Fellowship Committee will once again have a Fellowship Bingo Night on Saturday January 18th. from 6:30-8:00. It will be a free night of fellowship, fun, food and prizes. We will ask that you bring finger food to pass and your own nonalcoholic beverages for your family. (We are not allowed to have alcoholic beverages on school property. This event is for all Church, School and ECC families. Keep the date saved and we will put more information out as the date gets closer. Upcoming Events--- On March 29th we will be having a Game Night. You will be able to bring your favorite board game to play. If you don't have a board game or you would like to play a game, you will be able to join in

the games that we will have available. More information to follow. We will also have an Ice Cream Social in the summer. Keep watch for any other Events we will put out and more information will be following.

## **2024 Advent Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries**

### ***“Come, Let Us Adore Him”***

It is true that God deserves our worship and praise for all that He has done for us. And in the birth of Jesus into our world, born to save us from our sins, born to give us eternal life—God has given us His very Best. To which we can only respond: *“Come, Let Us Adore Him!”* The events surrounding Jesus’ birth—the prophecies foretold and fulfilled, the birth of John to point to Jesus, the divine way God guided Mary and Joseph, the preservation of Jesus’ life from King Herod—all speak to God’s intimate involvement in our salvation. This is the God we adore—the God who spared not His own Son but gave Him up for us all.

Daily Devotions from LHM will help strengthen and encourage your faith as you do the same for others. Have them delivered right to your inbox by going to this link: <https://www.lhm.org/newsroom/default.asp>. Perfect for personal reflection or to share with family, friends and congregations, these seasonal meditations will help prepare you to celebrate the true meaning of these seasons. We have copies of the Advent Devotions available for pick up in our church narthex, which will include our Holiday Worship Schedule that you can share with your neighbors, family, and friends to invite them to worship at Grace during the holiday season!!!



## **Holiday Worship Schedule for 2024**

### ***“The Nativity: Songs of God and Men”***

On Thursday nights @ 6:30pm at Grace during the month of December we will once again be having our Advent Midweek Worship Services. The Advent season starts the time that is referred to as the festival half of the Church Year. Between now and the final week of the Easter season, we will follow the life of our Lord Jesus Christ, from now, when we await His coming as a baby in Bethlehem, to the time when He physically leaves the earth at His ascension and then His disciples begin the new era of life in the church as it takes form in Jerusalem and beyond. It is a time for praise! A Danish hymn from around 1600 calls out to us as the church: “O Bride of Christ, Rejoice!” It closes each stanza with an address to our Advent Lord:

“Hosanna, praise, and glory! Our King, we bow before Thee” (LSB 335). May the beginning of this new Church Year resound with our joyful praise that continues through Christmas and well beyond! Please note, due to our special holiday worship there will be no Thursday night worship services on Thursday December 26<sup>th</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Wednesday November 27th 6:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Service with Communion** “Give Thanks: Not Just For, but To” Luke 17:11–19

**Thursday Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm**–Advent Midweek 1 “The Song of Zechariah” Luke 1:67–80

**Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> --Special Trim the Tree Service 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent**

**Thursday Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm**–Advent Midweek 2 “The Song of Elizabeth” Luke 1:39–45

**Thursday Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm**–Advent Midweek 3 “The Song of Mary” Luke 1:46–56

**Tuesday Dec. 24th 4pm, 5:30pm–Christmas Eve** “The Song of the Angels” Luke 2:1–20

**Wednesday Dec. 25th 9:30am–Christmas Day** “Idols and Lies, Word and Flesh” John 1:1–18

**No Thursday evening worship on Thursday December 26<sup>th</sup> & Thursday January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Wednesday January 1st New Year’s Day Worship 6:30pm** “Endings and Beginnings” Isaiah 51:4–6

**Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup> The Epiphany of our Lord 8am & 10:30am Services** “Soaked and Bloody: Our Lord and You” John 2:1–11

***Help us Decorate the Chancel for Christmas!***

***Order Your Poinsettia Plant Now!***

<i><b>Pot Size</b></i>	<i><b>Description</b></i>	<i><b>Cost</b></i>
<i><b>6” (unlimited number available)</b></i>	<i><b>Average width 16”</b></i>	<i><b>\$17.00</b></i>
<i><b>7” (4 available)</b></i>	<i><b>Average width 18”</b></i>	<i><b>\$22.00</b></i>
<i><b>10” (1 available)</b></i>	<i><b>Average width 28”</b></i>	<i><b>\$42.00</b></i>

**\*\*\*The deadline to order flowers is Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.\*\*\* 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 24<sup>th</sup>. 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.**

**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. 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 in leading worship services at Willow Crest. We would also provide you with resources to help you lead worship services at Willow Crest. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jeanne Meyer at: [meyorch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:meyorch@sbcglobal.net) or 414-719-2257 or Lori Kachelmeier at [jlkachel2@gmail.com](mailto:jlkachel2@gmail.com) or 414-828-0290. You would also be able to shadow a current Willow Crest Worship Leader if you are wanting to learn more information about this ministry.

**Grief Share: Surviving the Holidays seminar scheduled**—Grief Share: Surviving the Holidays is a helpful, encouraging seminar for people facing the holidays after a loved one's death. The seminar will be held: **Monday November 25th at Grace Lutheran School from 6:30-8:30pm.** This is a one-time seminar, and you do not have to be part of the Grief Share Group to participate. The seminar features practical suggestions and reassurance through video interviews with counselors, grief experts, and other people who have experienced the holidays after their loved one's death. Topics to be discussed include dealing with hard-hitting emotions, what to do about traditions, how to survive social events, and where to find comfort and strength. Those who attend will receive a Survival Guide filled with practical tips, encouraging words, journaling ideas, and exercises for daily help through the holiday season. You can contact Jeanne Meyer for more information at: [meyorch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:meyorch@sbcglobal.net) or 414-423-0010 or Lori Kachelmeier at [jlkachel2@gmail.com](mailto:jlkachel2@gmail.com) or 414-828-0290.

**Sunday Morning Bible Class from 9:15-10:15am in the School Library starting Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup>—Luke: To All Nations.** Luke's carefully written Gospel, compiled from both oral and written accounts, points to God's gracious salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ. The peace that Christ has brought to the world enables us to break out in a liturgy of praise. The salvation story did not end with Christ's ascension, however; Christ's Church is called to go to "*all nations*"—men, women, children, the poor, the sick, and the disenfranchised—proclaiming the victory found only in Jesus Christ. We hope you can join us for our Adult Bible Class on Sunday mornings at Grace as we learn how Luke's Gospel speaks to us about:

- God's plan for bringing salvation to both Jew and Gentile;
- believers' unceasing joy upon hearing the Good News;
- the work of the Holy Spirit in Jesus' life and in our own;
- the enduring value and importance of prayer.

“If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world.” *C.S. Lewis (Mere Christianity) – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)* Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. [www.word-of-hope.org](http://www.word-of-hope.org); 888-217-8679.

**LUTHERAN HOUR "Album-Worthy"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. If everything you've ever thought or done was captured in a photo, how many of them would you save for all to see? Hear how God redeems all our snapshots—even those that don't seem "album-worthy." (Genesis 35:3) The Lutheran Hour can be heard any time on the internet at: [lhm.org](http://lhm.org) scroll down the page and click on, "*listen now.*" Or listen to any of these local radio stations on Sunday mornings.

WTMJ	103.3 FM	Milwaukee, WI	Sun 6:30 am
WTMJ	620 AM	Milwaukee, WI	Sun 5:30 and 6:30 am

## IN THE WORD FOR THE 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Catechism:** Lord's Prayer—Introduction and First Petition

**Verse of the week:** 2 Peter 1:21, *Prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*”

**Psalm of the week:** Psalm 14

**Hymn of the week:** LSB 766 “Our Father, Who from Heaven Above” (stanzas 1-5)

**Bible Readings for the Week:**

Sunday— The Abomination that Causes Desolation—Matthew 24:15-28

Monday— Jesus Teaches His Disciples to Pray—Luke 11:1-13

Tuesday— The Centurion Prays to Jesus for His Servant—Matthew 8:5-13

Wednesday— A Canaanite Woman Prays for Her Daughter—Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday— The Stilling of the Storm—Mark 4:35-41

Friday— Daniel and the Lions’ Den—Daniel 6:1-23

Saturday—Isaiah 65:17-25

**WHEN WE LIVE OBEDIENTLY,  
WE DEMONSTRATE OUR LOVE FOR  
GOD.**

“If you love Me, you will keep My  
commandments” (John 14:15).



**Stewardship Minute**— Jesus’ last command to His disciples and to us was “*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...*” (Matthew 28:19). He is commissioning us to join Him in reaching out to people who do not know Him as their Lord and Savior. By the power of the Holy Spirit, God’s Word changes us into people who are eager to be His hands, feet, and mouth to the world. We are His channels through which He works. We are God’s representatives who are called to serve as His ambassadors that all might be reconciled to Him (2 Corinthians 5:20). Just as Jesus ministered to the people of His time, we are to do the same today.

## Growing in Grace – November 7<sup>th</sup> & November 10<sup>th</sup>

<i>General Offering</i>	<i>\$1796.00</i>	
<i>On-Line Giving</i>	<i>Holiday Delay</i>	
<i>Missions</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>	
<i>Debt Reduction Fund</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>	<i>Total Attendance: 37/67</i>
<i>Portals of Prayer</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>Total Communed: 82</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$1836.00</i>	

**Please note:** In order to meet budget each week we need to receive \$6,586 in offerings. Thank you for your generosity and support of the ministries here at Grace. We could not do what we do without your prayers, volunteering of your time and talents, and financial support!

### Opportunities at Grace this coming week!

Sunday	11/17	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Divine Worship Service Adult Bible Class and Sunday School Divine Worship Service
Monday	11/18	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Grief Share Confirmation Class
Tuesday	11/19	7:00 am	Men's Bible Breakfast @ OC Diner
Wednesday	11/20	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	11/21	6:30 pm	Divine Worship Service
Friday	11/22	-----	-----
Saturday	11/23	8:00am	Rise & Sonshine Bible Study
Sunday	11/24	----- 8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	<u>Special Guest:</u> Ebou Faye of POBLO Divine Worship Service Adult Bible Study Divine Worship Service

## 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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