

# Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

Oak Creek, Wisconsin  
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*Celebrate  
Teach  
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## Christ the King Sunday

November 21<sup>st</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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



**Image:** "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."  
(Revelation 22:13)

## 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 "Christ the King"***

The Last Sunday of the Church Year is about the last things, the day of judgment when Jesus Christ "*will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,*" Christ, "*whose kingdom will have no end*" (Nicene Creed). The last Sunday is therefore known as the Sunday of fulfillment, when all the plans and promises of God's salvation break forth in the resurrection of all flesh and eternal life in the new heavens and earth. This year we hear the Readings appointed for what some churches call Christ the King Sunday. With the vision of the prophet Daniel, we are given a fascinating "*apocalyptic*" revelation. As such, we are cautioned against overinterpreting the symbolism of the four beasts, fiery flames, burning wheels, and the like. The clear point is that God Himself is Lord, king, and ruler over all the nations of the earth. The four nations of Daniel chapter 7 are progressively more evil than the ones before: *Babylon, Medo-Persian, Greek, and Roman empires*. Not all earthly kingdoms or nations are evil, of course. Yet evil and the devil's madness appear here and there everywhere. Christ is the king not only over all the ancient nations of the world but also over our own! With great and glad celebration, therefore, we gather to rejoice over our assurance that Jesus Christ, the King of kings, rules ultimately over all things, always for our good, our healing, our salvation, and our destiny in the day of resurrection.

### **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.

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### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

Opening Hymn 804 O Worship the King (vs. 1-4)

*Stand*

**Confession and Absolution LSB 184**

*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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 39:4-5a, 7-8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13b NIV, read responsively*)

We are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,\*  
**the home of | righteousness.**

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;\*  
**let me know how fleeting | I am!**

Behold, you have made my days a few | handbreadths,\*  
**and my lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.**

And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?\*

**My hope | is in you.**

Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.\*

**Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!**

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear | to my cry;\*

**hold not your peace | at my tears!**

**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.**

We are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,\*  
**the home of | righteousness.**

**Kyrie** *LSB 186*

C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Gloria in Excelsis** *LSB 187*

P Glory be to God on high:

C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day** *LSB 189*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading** *Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14*

**(The Ancient of Days gives dominion to the Son of Man.)**

<sup>9</sup>As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. <sup>10</sup>A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. . . <sup>13</sup>I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. <sup>14</sup>And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

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** *Revelation 1:4b-8*

**(Jesus reminds us about Himself as the King of Kings: “I am the Alpha and the Omega.”)**

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup>and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Behold,

he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Alleluia LSB 190**

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Alleluia Verse for the Last Sunday of the Church Year/Christ the King Sunday—***“Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Alleluia.”*

*(Revelation 22:13)*

**Holy Gospel Mark 13:24-37**

***(The Coming of the Son of Man, and No One Knows the Day or Hour of Christ’s Return)***

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup>Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— <sup>36</sup>lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## **Apostles' Creed *LSB 192***

**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 "Stay Awake!" (Mark 13:24-37)** 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 348 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns (vs. 1-5)**

**Sermon "The Kingdom of Christ" (Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14)**

**Offertory *LSB 192***

**C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.**

**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 194*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

#### **Sanctus** *LSB 195*

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**

**heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

#### **Lord's Prayer** *LSB 196*



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

### **The Words of Our Lord LSB 197**

- 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 197**

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

### **Agnus Dei LSB 198**

- C **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**  
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**  
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

*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**

**-506 Glory Be to God the Father (vs. 1-4)**

**-532 The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns (vs. 1-4)**

*Stand*

### **Nunc Dimittis LSB 199**

- C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the  
face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving LSB 200**

- A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
C and His mercy endureth forever.**
- A Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in  
loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for  
His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not  
to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit  
that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,**

our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

### **Benedicamus LSB 202**

A Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Benediction LSB 202**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

### **Closing Hymn 336 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending (vs. 1-4)**

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord

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



Altar Flowers given by Bob & Lynn Buzzell  
In Loving Memory of Lynn's father, Rev. James Reichmann.

### **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; 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); 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); **Georgianne** (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 Miranda; **Martha Rowley** (healing & strength) relative of Mary Rowley; **Grace Miskimen** (cancer) sister of Beth Jackson.

**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!!!** Dear Lord we praise you because you are the one from whom all blessings flow. Thank you so much for blessing **Dick & Beth Jackson** with the birth of a new grandson, **Aram Edward Jackson**, who was born on this past week. Continue to watch over little **Aram**, especially as he awaits to be baptized into Your most Holy name, so that He may grow up in the knowledge of You and the grace and mercy found in Your Son our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

**We mourn** with the family of **Pauline Parker**, as they grieve over the death of her **Uncle Charlie Magestro**. **We pray:** *Almighty God, Father of mercies and God of all comfort, deal graciously with Pauline Parker's family as they mourn her Uncle Charlie's death that, casting every care upon You, they may know the consolation of Your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.*

**We thank Ebou Faye, of People of the Book Lutheran Outreach (POBLO), for joining us in worship today and for sharing the mission work that is going on among Muslims, Hindus, and Sikhs in our Southeast WI Community. We pray God's blessings on Ebou, as he continues to reach these people with the love of Jesus!!!**

**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>Thursday 11/21 6:30pm</u>	<u>Sunday 11/24 8:00am</u>	<u>Sunday 11/24 10:30am</u>
<u>Elders</u>	Keith Goodle	Greg Nowakowski	Richard Jackson
<u>Readers</u>	Suzie Mirenda	Cris Evers	Chris Cotter
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Janine & Marlene	Janine & Marlene	Janine & Marlene
<u>Linens</u>	Char Klipfel	Char Klipfel	Char Klipfel
<u>Acolyte</u>		Matthew Scherer	
<u>Ushers</u>	Mark Roettgen Connie Roettgen	Craig Lau Camryn Lau	Rick Weeks Cathy 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.

**Grace Counter Volunteers Needed** - We are looking for volunteers to be considered for training as counters and stand-by counters, beginning in January 2025. The counters work in pairs, so either individuals or a couple would be welcome. Each pair of counters is scheduled for one counting session per month that takes about 2 hours, usually on a Sunday after the late service, but the schedule can be very flexible. Complete training is provided and newly assigned counters are scheduled with experienced people. This is an important process in our church's administration, and we welcome interested members. If you would like more information, please contact our Financial Secretary, Lori Kachelmeier at [jlkachel2@gmail.com](mailto:jlkachel2@gmail.com) or 414-828-0290.

**Substitute Wraparound Care Worker Needed at the Day School:** We are in need of a substitute wraparound care worker at Grace from 6:30-8:05am or that can be available from 3:30-5:30pm, Monday through Friday. The pay for this position is \$15.00 an hour. If you are interested in helping out with this position in subbing on a routine basis, please contact our ECC Director Rachel Miliacca at: [eccdirector@graceoakcreek.org](mailto:eccdirector@graceoakcreek.org) or at 414-762-8755.

**Ebou Faye, a Missionary with People of the Book Lutheran Outreach (POBLO) in the South WI District, is speaking TODAY on Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup> at both worship services and to our Bible Class in our Church Sanctuary. The Evangelism Board is providing refreshments as well on this day during the Bible Class Hour.** *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 has to say about the mission work among Muslims and other immigrants in the State of Wisconsin!!! **If you would like to make a charitable donation to the ministry of POBLO you can direct funds in the memo line to: Ebou Faye and make checks payable to: POBLO 35555 Garfield Rd #7, Clinton Twp, MI 48035.**

### **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.

### **Ladies Bible Study**

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!***

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

**\*\*\*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 6:30pm-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 or 414-423-0010 or Lori Kachelmeier at 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.

"In spades the Lord has taught me, and prayerfully you also, that Psalm 23 is a thanksgiving psalm. He anoints our heads, which is the Old Testament way of saying He chooses us as kings. He makes us a part of His royal household! Man, are we blessed as His kids!" *Pastor Keith Haberstoch, guest speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)* Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. [www.word-of-hope.org](http://www.word-of-hope.org); 888-217-8679.

**LUTHERAN HOUR "Jesus Sees What's in the Heart"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe.

Jesus sees what's in our hearts. What's in His heart? God saw that we needed a Savior.

(Mark 12:41-44) 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 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY/LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

**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 39

**Hymn of the week:** LSB 663 “Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”

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

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

Monday— Parable of the Persistent Widow—Luke 18:1-8

Tuesday— Stephen Prays for His Enemies—Acts 7:51-60

Wednesday— Parable of the Rich Fool—Luke 12:13-21

Thursday— Thanksgiving Day—Thanksgiving of the Samaritan—Luke 17:11-19

Friday— Do Not Worry about Your Life—Luke 12:22-34

**PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL  
BLESSINGS FLOW AND LIVE YOUR  
LIVES IN GRATITUDE FOR HIS  
GENEROSITY AND GOODNESS.**

“Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!” (Psalm 107:1).



**Stewardship Minute**— By the Word of His mouth, God created all things, and over and over again God uses His Word to recreate sinners into new creations who live lives in Christ. At Baptism the Holy Spirit enters into our lives. “*Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?*” (1 Corinthians 3:16). Having received forgiveness and now being free from the power of sin, we can walk with our Lord. Filled with the Holy Spirit, we are no longer slaves to sin. The Holy Spirit dwells in us and empowers us to live lives that grow ever more Christ-like. This process, known as sanctification, is a work the Holy Spirit does within us throughout our lives on earth.

## Growing in Grace – November 14<sup>th</sup> & November 17<sup>th</sup>

<i>General Offering</i>	<i>\$5189.00</i>		
<i>On-Line Giving</i>	<i>\$2449.32</i>		
<i>Missions</i>	<i>\$10.00</i>		
<i>Debt Fund</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<b><i>Total Attendance</i></b>	<i>29/138</i>
<i>Lutheran Schools</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>	<b><i>Total Communed</i></b>	<i>95</i>
<i>Sunday School</i>	<i>\$5.00</i>		
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b><i>\$7703.32</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	11/24	8:00 am	Divine Worship
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Class w/ Ebou Faye (POBLO)
		10:30 am	Divine Worship
Monday	11/25	6:30-8pm	Grief Share
		6:30 pm	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class
Tuesday	11/26	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study and Breakfast (OC Diner)
Wednesday	11/27	6:30 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Service with Communion
Thursday	11/28	-----	Thanksgiving Day
Friday	11/29	-----	-----
Saturday	11/30	-----	-----
Sunday	12/1	8:00 am	Divine Worship
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School
		10:30 am	Divine Worship

## SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We have gathered today to celebrate the most precious gifts and treasures our Lord gives us: His forgiveness, life and salvation. It would be our honor to have you join us again next week as we “Celebrate, Teach, and Share” the Good News of God’s Grace among all people.

Grace is committed to supporting families through our Early Childhood Center, Day School, and High School. We are blessed to be a member of the Lutheran High School Association of Milwaukee.

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