

# Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

Oak Creek, Wisconsin  
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*Celebrate  
Teach  
Share  
God's Grace*

## Holy Trinity Sunday

June 12<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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



Image: "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (*Invocation*)

# Welcome to Grace! We're Glad You've Joined Us!

## WORSHIP NOTES FOR OUR GUESTS

**Worship bulletins & worship activity bags** (age 2-8) are available for your children to use during the service. Please see an usher if you need assistance finding them.

Children are **always** welcome - we don't want anything to keep families from attending! From time to time a child will naturally have a difficult moment in worship. If that happens and you feel a need to step out, please make use of our church narthex and entrance, so you may still be able to follow along in worship until your child is ready to return again! If your child is using the bathroom during the worship service, we ask that you monitor them so that they are using it in a timely manner. We are glad that you're here!!!

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

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

### **As We Gather “*True Wisdom, for the Way*”**

Old Testament wisdom reveals, prophesies, and confirms the eternal presence of Jesus Christ, before the foundations of the world. Wisdom allows us to peer through the lens of Old Testament patriarchs, prophets, and judges, and believe in Jesus. Wisdom allows us to peer through the lens of the New Testament and believe in the sustainable eternity Christ secures through His life, death, and resurrection. This wisdom, personified and proclaimed, provides reliable truths that eclipse the distortions of the world, captivated by sin and sorrow. Trinitarian truths are indelible and deeply rooted in the Holy Scriptures. These truths accompany our tenuous lives, providing substance, solace, and promised salvation!

### **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 3, pg. 184*

### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

Opening Hymn 803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (vs. 1-3)

*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 16:8-11; antiphon: Liturgical Text, read responsively)**

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.\*

**Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.**

I have set the LORD always be- | fore me;\*

**because he is at my right hand, I shall not be | shaken.**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | joices;\*

**my flesh also | dwells secure.**

For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,\*

**or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.**

You make known to me the | path of life;\*

**in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.**

**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.**

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.\*

**Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.**

#### **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. Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

*Sit*

### **Old Testament Reading *Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31***

***(Wisdom, personified, reveals the presence and work of Jesus even before the creation of the world.)***

<sup>1</sup>Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice? <sup>2</sup>On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; <sup>3</sup>beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud: <sup>4</sup>"To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man. . . . <sup>22</sup>"The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. <sup>23</sup>Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. <sup>24</sup>When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. <sup>25</sup>Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, <sup>26</sup>before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. <sup>27</sup>When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, <sup>28</sup>when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, <sup>29</sup>when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, <sup>30</sup>then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, <sup>31</sup>rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man."

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

### **Gradual *(read responsively)***

- P Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
C **and His greatness is unsearchable.**
- P On Your wondrous works, I will meditate,  
C **and I will declare Your greatness.**

### **Second Reading *Acts 2:14a, 22-36***

***(God richly supplies Jesus with the credentials to accomplish all divine works, wonders, and signs.)***

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

<sup>22</sup>“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,

“‘I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;  
<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
my flesh also will dwell in hope.  
<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One see corruption.  
<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup>“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“‘The Lord said to my Lord,  
Sit at my right hand,  
<sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.’

<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

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

*Stand*

**Alleluia LSB 190**

- C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Alleluia Verse for Holy Trinity Sunday—***“Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory! Alleluia.” (Isaiah 6:3b)*

**Holy Gospel John 8:48-59**

***(Jesus reveals His eternal identity with God the Father before the time of Abraham.)***

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.  
C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>48</sup>The Jews answered [Jesus], "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" <sup>49</sup>Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup>Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." <sup>52</sup>The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' <sup>53</sup>Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" <sup>54</sup>Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' <sup>55</sup>But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. <sup>56</sup>Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." <sup>57</sup>So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" <sup>58</sup>Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." <sup>59</sup>So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

***Athanasian Creed LSB 319 (spoken responsively by whole verse)***

- L Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.  
C **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**
- L And the catholic faith is this,  
C **that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**
- L For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.  
C **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**
- L Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:  
C **the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**
- L the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;  
C **the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**

- L And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,  
C **just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**
- L In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;  
C **and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.**
- L So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;  
C **and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**
- L So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;  
C **and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**
- L Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.  
C **The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.**
- L The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.  
C **The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.**
- L Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.  
C **And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;**
- L but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.  
C **Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**
- L But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
C **Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.**
- L He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:  
C **perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**



- L equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- C **Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:**
- L one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- C **one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**
- L For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- C **who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**
- L ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- C **At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.**
- L And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- C **This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.**

*Sit*

**Children’s Message “Wisdom from the Wisest (Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31)** 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 507 Holy, Holy, Holy (vs. 1-4)**

**Sermon “Jesus, the Wisdom of God” (Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31)**

**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, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. 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 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 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**

**-617 O Lord, We Praise Thee**

**-506 Glory Be to God the Father**

*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. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us  
through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would  
strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one  
another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

C    **Amen.**

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.**

*Sit*

### **805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (vs. 1)**

Pastor:    Go in Peace and Serve the Lord

People:    **Thanks be to God!!!**



### **WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

*For all who worship this day, bless us through your Word, O Lord.* **Myles King** (blood disorder); **Michael Helzer** (cancer); **Michael Parker** (healing & strength) Pauline Parker's son; **Jim & Kari** (healing and strength) friends of Joy Lussier; **Greg Voss** (healing & strength); **Sindy Schmidt** (healing); **Gary Forsythe** (dementia) friend of Carol Loveall; **Brittany** (cancer) daughter of Denise Afelt; **Greg** (cancer) brother in law of Mike & Pat Toman; **Judy** (poor eyesight) friend of Joy Lussier; **Darlene & Jerry Urbaniak's Nephew** (Alzheimer's); **Linda** (brain cancer) friend of Carol Thurber; **Jenny Rice** (cancer); **Scott** (kidney failure) brother of Pat Toman; **Jennifer** (diagnosed with MS); **Steve Benzie** (stomach pain, hernia); **Cheryl** (cancer) friend of Sharon Iseli; **Carol Long** (cancer) friend of Joy Lussier; **Sharon Iseli** (healing); **Mariya** (cancer); **Terri** (healing and strength) friend of Joy Lussier; **Cris Evers** (healing & strength); **Laura** (Lou Gehrig's Disease) friend of Jim & Janine Pieper; **Don Adams** (cancer) relative of Pauline Parker; **Linda Stecker's Son in Law** (battling brain cancer); **Gayle Stephen** (pancreatic cancer) cousin of Suzie Mirenda; **Martha Rowley** (healing & strength) Grandma of Mary Rowley; **Grace Miskimen** (cancer) sister of Beth Jackson; **Dale** (pancreatic cancer) brother of Joy Lussier; **Mary** (broken hip) friend of Joy Lussier; **Evan Kopperud** (healing & strength); **Tina Drapp** (breast cancer); **Susan** (liver cancer) co-worker of Chris Cotter; **Pete** (healing & strength) friend of Marlene & Greg Voss; **Tony Mirenda**

(healing & strength); **Debbie Parker** (healing & strength) Pauline Parker’s daughter in law; **Anthony Bartlein** (heart transplant) father of Dena Guziewicz (our School Secretary); **Scott Brenton** (on dialysis) Linda Maldonado’s fiancé; **Rick Weeks** (cancer treatment); **Bill** (healing & strength) Jan Warmkessel’s son; **Julia Kahle** (healing & strength) friend of Taggatz family; **The Bowers and Korth Families**; **Rose Adams** (healing & strength); **Tom** (healing & strength) brother of Rod Novak.

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

**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>Elders</u>	<u>Thursday 6/12 6:30pm</u>	<u>Sunday 6/15 9:00am</u>
<u>Readers</u>	Keith Goodle	Richard Jackson
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Kathy Szefflinski	Beth Jackson
<u>Linens</u>	Staci Scherer	Lynn Buzzell
<u>Acolyte</u>	Donna Dotson	Donna Dotson
<u>Ushers</u>		
	Keith Goodle	Ron Savarino
	Jim Robinson	Lowell Johnson
<u>Livestream</u>		Jennifer Olen

**A FATHER’S DAY REFLECTION—** So, what did you get dear old Dad for Father’s Day this year? Perhaps new equipment for the grill or a hat with the logo of his favorite baseball team . . . or maybe that tried-and-true gift of a necktie. One of the things we recognize as we give gifts to Dad is that Dad has already given a lifetime of gifts to us. We thank God for Christian fathers who care for our physical and spiritual needs! However, as loving as our earthly father may be, the love of our heavenly Father is even greater. Jesus says, *“If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!”* (Matthew 7:11). We thank our Father in heaven for His gifts of the Holy Spirit, daily necessities, eternal life, and yes, the gift of earthly fathers too.

**We pray:** *Father in heaven, bless and strengthen all fathers that they faithfully fulfill their vocation, raising their children in Your nurture and admonition. We ask that you would give restoration to children who live in homes of brokenness and hurt. Assure them of Your steadfast love and Your abiding presence, work healing, repentance, and forgiveness. Father in heaven, provide for all children in foster care and in need of loving homes, provide families to care for them with love and faithfulness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.*

### **June 29<sup>th</sup> Voters Meeting following 9am worship at Grace!**

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending our next Voters Meeting at Church!!! It will be on Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup> after the 9am worship service. Special topics will include: Pastor's Report, Election of new officers, and updates from church boards. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of the ministries here at Grace!!! God bless you!

### ***Rise & Sonshine Bible Study - Summer Schedule 8am-9:20am***

Saturday June 14th-Bible study at Lake Vista park

Saturday July 12th-WehrNature center-Prayer walk

Saturday August 9-TBA-Possible Volunteer day

**ALL WOMEN are invited to join us for these outings! Check in with Jennifer if inclement weather will change plans. Any questions, please contact Jennifer Olen [olenjennifer@aol.com](mailto:olenjennifer@aol.com)**

### ***Are you interested in becoming a Stephen Minister?***

Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

Trainees learn how to listen to, care for, and walk with those going through difficult times in life. After being matched with a person experiencing a life crisis, the Stephen Minister meets with that person on a weekly basis to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. The caring relationship lasts as long as the need for care exists.

We are going to begin a new training session for Stephen Ministers in October of 2025. The training is scheduled to take place on Sunday evenings from 6-8:30pm starting October 5th. If you would like to learn more about Stephen Ministry, you can contact Jeanne Meyer at: [meyorch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:meyorch@sbcglobal.net) or 414-423-0010. Look for a special informational meeting between our Thursday night & Sunday morning worship services in September where you will have more information to learn about training to become a Stephen Minister at Grace! **To learn more about Stephen Ministry you can also go to this website: <https://tinyurl.com/bde23pnz>**

**You're Invited to an Ice Cream Social!** 🍦 All members are warmly welcome to join us for our Grace Fellowship Committee's Ice Cream Social following our worship services on **Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**. Come enjoy some good food, sweet treats, and even sweeter

Christian fellowship as we gather together. A big thank you to our wonderful Fellowship Committee for organizing this time of refreshment and connection! We look forward to seeing you there!

**Thank you to all who took part in Vacation Bible School at Grace this past week of June 9-13!!!** Our theme for VBS this year was that Jesus is our, “*True North*,” and children ages 3 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade attended. Here is a little more information about our VBS Theme: *Guide kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they’ll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what’s true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He’s our True North!* We had 81 children attend VBS this year. Special thanks to our VBS Superintendent, Mrs Amy Pankow, for putting this year’s Vacation Bible School together and for the many people who were involved in leading Bible Study & the children in song, helping with the food, leading games & crafts, and planning this year’s VBS. We couldn’t have done it without your help. We rejoice that the children from Vacation Bible School are also singing in worship this Sunday morning!!!

## **Summer Sermon Series on Hebrews 11: “What Can Faith Do?”**

We invite you to a powerful Summer Sermon Series focused on Hebrews 11, often called the “Faith Chapter” of the Bible. Together, we’ll explore how faith shaped the lives of God’s people — and what faith can do in our lives today! This series will be part of our regular **Thursday evening** and **Sunday morning** worship services. We would love to have you join us! **Sermon Series Schedule:**

**1. What’s This Faith That Does?**

*Hebrews 11:1–12:2*

**June 19th & 22nd**

**2. By Faith Creation...**

*Hebrews 11:1–3*

**June 26th & 29th**

**3. By Faith Cain and Abel...**

*Hebrews 11:4*

**July 17th & 20th**

**4. By Faith Enoch...**

*Hebrews 11:5–6*

**July 24th & 27th**

**5. By Faith Noah...**

*Hebrews 11:7*

**July 31st & August 3rd**

**6. By Faith Abraham...**

*Hebrews 11:8–10*

**August 7th & 10<sup>th</sup>**



### **Giving Tree in our Church Sanctuary!!!**

The *Giving Tree* from our Board of Stewardship will be up in our Church Sanctuary on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from the *Giving Tree* this year will go to support our *Church's Good Samaritan Fund*, which helps out those in need from our Church, School, and Early Childhood Center, and the Oak Creek Community. Thank you for your generosity and support for those who are in need!!!

### **Are You Interested in Serving on a Church Board?**

Elections are coming up for various boards at our Church at our June Voter's Meeting. Do you feel called to serve in leadership here at Grace Lutheran Church? Please consider contacting the Church Office and we will let you know what responsibilities each board position has. We will also connect you with the current board members who are serving so that you can ask them questions pertaining to their current board responsibilities. The term of service is three years, and your service would begin in July of 2025. Please call the Church Office for what board positions are currently available for the next term.

### **Grace Youth Group Stock Sale!!!**

What better investment can you make than giving our youth an opportunity to praise Jesus? In July, many of the high schoolers in our congregation will travel to New Orleans, LA, for the triennial LCMS National Youth Gathering. There, they will have the opportunity to worship with about 25,000 other Lutherans from around the world.

#### **How you can help:**

1. *Buy stock in our youth during the month of April - Any amount is appreciated. (Special envelopes are available in the Narthex at church).*
2. *Pray for us while we travel and participate in the gathering.*
3. *Follow our adventures on Facebook and Instagram.*
4. *Join us after we get back for a stockholder's luncheon so we can share our experiences with you.*

**We are grateful for your prayers, encouragement, and generosity as they prepare for this life-changing event. Thank you for being a blessing to our youth!**

### **Military Bible Sticks**

**Campaign from Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> through Sunday, July 6th.**

Our congregation has faithfully supported this mission for many years. We prayerfully ask you for this support again this year. The change this year is that Military Bible Sticks will be paired with a new mission from Faith Comes by Hearing. This new effort is called Vision 2033. Vision 2033 involves partnering with other missions, such as Lutheran Bible Translators, to translate the Bible into mission languages. These Bible sticks would have native speakers reading the Word and would be given to the missions in countries all over the world. That way people would be able to hear the Good News in their own languages. We are looking forward to being able to be a part of this new mission by Faith Comes by Hearing. Envelopes will be available for donating to Military Bible Sticks in the narthex on the white board. A video will be shared with the congregation soon to share this mission's vision. For more in-depth information please go to: <https://www.faithcomesbyhearing.com/> Here is an interview on the history of Military Bible Sticks: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R-6mwlc1Bvo>

**OUR GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL PANTHER NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX HERE AT CHURCH FOR ANY PARISHIONERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO PICK IT UP TO SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING AT OUR LUTHERAN SCHOOL.**

**LUTHERAN HOUR "Nothing He'd Rather Be Doing"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus is a tireless Searcher with an affinity for finding lost people. (Psalm 8:4). 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	620 AM	Milwaukee, WI	Sun 6:30 am
WGN	720 AM	Chicago, IL	Sun 6:30am

### ***IN THE WORD FOR TRINITY SUNDAY***

**Catechism:** The Lord's Prayer—First Petition and Explanations

**Verse of the week:** 1 Timothy 3:16, "*And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory.*"

**Psalms of the week:** Psalm 8

**Hymn of the week:** LSB 876 "O Blessed, Holy Trinity"

**Bible Readings for the Week:**

Sunday—"Jesus Catechizes Nicodemus"—John 3:1-17

Monday—A Demon-Possessed Man Is Healed—Luke 8:26-39

Tuesday—A Girl Is Raised and a Woman Is Healed—Luke 8:40-56

Wednesday—The Sending Out of the Twelve—Luke 9:1-9

Thursday—The Feeding of the 5,000—Luke 9:10-17

Friday—Peter's Confession & Jesus' Prediction of His Suffering—Lk. 9:18-27

Saturday—Genesis 15:1-6

**Stewardship Minute** As people saved by God, we show our gratitude not only by thanking and praising Him with our lips but in our actions and deeds. We demonstrate our thankfulness by doing good works which He Himself prepared in advance for us to do (Ephesians 2:10). Through His Word and Sacraments, God shares His will with us so that we know the good works that He calls us to do. Through the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:2), God not only tells us of His will, He also gives us the power to perform His tasks. Because God reveals His will and gives us His power, we can be instruments of telling others the Good News, helping the poor and the needy, and sharing God's love with all people. By His grace, we will lead lives that follow His will.



**PEOPLE WHO LIVE BEYOND THEIR MEANS MUST ALWAYS  
BE GIVEN A LOT OF CREDIT.**

“The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender” (Proverbs 22:7).

“You have a higher purpose than living for yourself. Your work is His. You live for the one who died and rose for you. You share the good news about Him. That’s how God grows His family, adding branches to His tree. You get to be part of this family—a family with a rich past and a glorious future.” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)* Are you struggling with a crisis pregnancy or guilt after an abortion? Word of Hope can help. [www.word-of-hope.org](http://www.word-of-hope.org); 888-217-8679. Word of Hope can help. [www.word-of-hope.org](http://www.word-of-hope.org); 888-217-8679.

***Growing in Grace – June 5<sup>th</sup> & June 8<sup>th</sup>***

<i>General Offering</i>	<i>\$2025.00</i>
<i>On-Line Giving</i>	<i>\$1837.00</i>
<i>Missions</i>	<i>\$90.00</i>
<i>Debt Reduction Fund</i>	<i>\$80.00</i>
<i>Lutheran Schools</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>
<i>VBS</i>	<i>\$40.00</i>
<b><i>Total:</i></b>	<b><i>\$4092.00</i></b>

***Attendance Total: 47/53***

***Communed: 87***

**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	6/15	9:00am	Divine Worship Ice Cream Social after Worship
Monday	6/16		
Tuesday	6/17	7:00am	Men’s Bible Study & Breakfast (OC Diner)
Wednesday	6/18		
Thursday	6/19	6:30pm	Divine Worship Ice Cream Social after Worship
Friday	6/20		
Saturday	6/21		
Sunday	6/22	9:00am	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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