

# Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

June 19<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

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

*Celebrate  
Teach  
Share*

*God's Grace*



**Image:** "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him." (Luke 8:39)

# 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 “*Walking in God's Grace on the Way of Life*”**

The season of Pentecost has arrived! With the arrival of the Holy Spirit, this season of the Church Year is marked by growth. We see evidence of the growth the Spirit is seeking in this week's Readings. The Lord and giver of life seeks to see His people grow faithful hearts through faithful worship, resulting in faithful service. When the way ahead isn't as clear or as comfortable as we would like, we rely on the Lord's wisdom, leading us back to His faithful servant, Jesus Christ, who clears the obstacles of our sinfulness and comforts us with His Word and sacramental gifts.

### **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 825 Rise, Shine, You People (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 71:20-24; antiphon: v. 3, read responsively)*

Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;\*  
**you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.**  
 You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again;\*  
**from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again.**  
 You will increase my greatness\*  
**and comfort me again.**  
 I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God;\*  
**I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.**  
 My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you;\*  
**my soul also, which you have redeemed.**  
 And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all the day long,\*  
**for they have been put to shame and disappointed who sought to do me hurt.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;\*  
**you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.**

#### **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. O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 65:1-9*

***(The Lord who redeems declares to the nations, “Here am I!” seeking their hearts and their faithfulness.)***

<sup>1</sup>I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, “Here am I, here am I,” to a nation that was not called by my name. <sup>2</sup>I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; <sup>3</sup>a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; <sup>4</sup>who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig’s flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; <sup>5</sup>who say, “Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.” These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day. <sup>6</sup>Behold, it is written before me: “I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their bosom <sup>7</sup>both your iniquities and your fathers’ iniquities together, says the LORD; because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills, I will measure into their bosom payment for their former deeds.”

<sup>8</sup>Thus says the LORD: “As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, ‘Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,’ so I will do for my servants’ sake, and not destroy them all. <sup>9</sup>I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains; my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual *(Romans 10:8b, 10, read responsively)*

The word is near you, in your mouth and | in your heart,\*  
**the word of faith that | we proclaim.**

For with the heart one believes and is | justified,\*  
**and with the mouth one confesses | and is saved.**

### Epistle Lesson *Galatians 3:23–4:7*

***(The baptized have put on Christ, becoming sons and heirs, with hearts that are home to the Holy Spirit.)***

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup>For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

<sup>1</sup>I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, <sup>2</sup>but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. <sup>3</sup>In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. <sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Alleluia LSB 190**

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Alleluia Verse for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**—"*Alleluia. Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you. Alleluia.*" (Verse Luke 8:39a)

**Holy Gospel Luke 8:26-39**

**(Jesus travels beyond Galilee to break the bonds of darkness, transforming a demoniac into a missionary.)**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighth chapter.

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

<sup>26</sup>Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." <sup>29</sup>For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break

the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. <sup>32</sup>Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

<sup>34</sup>When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

#### Nicene Creed *LSB* 191

- C I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

**Children's Message "Don't Hide! Seek! (Isaiah 65:1-9)** 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 702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee (vs. 1-4)**

**Sermon "What's This Faith That Does?" (Hebrews 11:1-12:2)**

**Sermon Text: Hebrews 11:1-12:2**—Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is,

a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect...

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

### **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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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 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**

**-666 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe**

**-643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

*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. Spirit of wisdom and truth, we praise You for the gift of faith that  
receives the blessings that come to us through the Supper of our Savior, Jesus. Keep  
us steadfast in the way of everlasting life, granting us wisdom to go and grow in the  
grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, 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 667 Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses (vs. 1-4)**

Pastor:    Go in Peace and Serve the Lord

People:    **Thanks be to God!!!**



***The Flowers on the altar are given by  
Matthew and Melissa Peppler  
In Honor of their 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!***

**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 Guzewicz (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; **Lori Hegarty** (healing and strength); **Gary** (leukemia) friend of Marlene Voss.

**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 6/19 6:30pm</u>	<u>Sunday 6/22 9:00am</u>
<u>Readers</u>	Lance Kopperud	Adam Voss
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Suzie Mirenda	Jennifer Lau
<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

**CAR WASH AND BRAT FRY GRACE YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER**—Help us get to New Orleans for the LC-MS National Youth Gathering!!! The Car Wash and Brat Fry will be held on Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:30-3:30pm at the Parking Lot of Grace Lutheran School. 8537 South Pennsylvania Ave. Oak Creek. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our Youth Group!!!

**Texas Roadhouse Rolls for Sale!!! Support Grace Lutheran VBS 2026**—We're partnering with Texas Roadhouse to raise some dough for next year's Vacation Bible School adventure. Here's a preview of our upcoming Gift Card/Frozen Bread Fundraiser... *One Dozen TXRH frozen rolls for \$6\** While supplies last. All proceeds donated to Grace Lutheran VBS program.

### **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 July 12th-Wehr Nature 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>**

### **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 "Should I Be Worried About the Devil?"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Germán Novelli Oliveros. The devil is real, but rather than fretting about the evil he can do, we rejoice in all that Christ has done to defeat him. (Luke 8:26-39) 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 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

**Catechism:** Ten Commandments—The First Commandment and Explanation

**Verse of the week:** Psalm 116:1-2, "*I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my supplications. Because He has inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live.*"

**Psalm of the week:** Psalm 13

**Hymn of the week:** LSB 708 “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”

**Bible Readings for the Week:**

Sunday—“The Rich Man and Lazarus”—Luke 16:19-31

Monday— The Transfiguration of Our Lord—Luke 9:28-36

Tuesday— The Nativity of St John the Baptist—Luke 1:57-80

Wednesday— A Boy Is Healed—Luke 9:37-45

Thursday— The Greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven—Luke 9:46-56

Friday— Follow Me—Luke 9:57-62

Saturday— Proverbs 9:1-10

**Stewardship Minute** Are you prepared with God’s help to do all that you can to help others know Jesus? Are you using your time, talents, and treasures in ways that make an eternal difference in the lives of others? To make an impact on others is not easy. Although doing the Lord’s work brings much joy, it does require sacrifice. For the sake of the Gospel, we need to commit our time and energy. In addition, the Lord’s work often requires us to give sacrificially. For example, the early Christians sold land and houses to meet the needs of others (Acts 2:45). The Macedonian churches gave beyond their ability to the needs of other believers (2 Corinthians 8:1-7). Just as God worked in the hearts of the Macedonians, He changes our hearts so we can become generous people. God is our source of strength and ability.

**CHRIST’S WORDS OF COMFORT, ESPECIALLY IN TIMES OF FEAR  
AND UNCERTAINTY, GIVE US HOPE AND JOY.**

“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you” (Matthew 6:33).

“Let your life be so focused on the grace of God in Christ that your eyes are open to the people He is bringing into your life even now, ‘the least of these my brothers.’ Do not worry about whether the world considers them influencers or nobodies. Be attentive to those in your sphere of influence as Christ Himself is attentive to you. Concerned citizens? Sure! It is important. But being concerned disciples of Jesus for others is what ultimately lasts.” *Dr. Gregory Seltz, PhD, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty – 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.

*God's Comforting  
Word*



## ***Growing in Grace – June 12<sup>th</sup> & June 15<sup>th</sup>***

<i>General Offering</i>	<i>\$2077.00</i>	
<i>On-Line Giving</i>	<i>\$1137.00</i>	
<i>Missions</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>	
<i>Mortgage Fund</i>	<i>\$10.00</i>	
<i>Portals of Prayer</i>	<i>\$10.00</i>	
<i>VBS 2026</i>	<i>\$38.00</i>	
<b><i>Total:</i></b>	<b><i>\$3372.00</i></b>	<b><i>Attendance Total: 37/58</i></b>
		<b><i>Communed: 77</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	6/22	9:00am	Divine Worship
Monday	6/23		
Tuesday	6/24	7:00am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (OC Diner)
Wednesday	6/25		
Thursday	6/26	6:30pm	Divine Worship
Friday	6/27		
Saturday	6/28	8:00am	Rise & Sonshine Bible Study
Sunday	6/29	9:00am	Divine Worship
		10:15am	Voters Meeting
		10:30am	Grace Youth Brat Fry & Car Wash Fundraiser

## 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.

Pastor	Rev. John M. Taggatz	414-762-8990 (O) 715-467-1231 (Cell) 262-664-4365 (Home) <a href="http://thewordendures.blogspot.com">thewordendures.blogspot.com</a>
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Director of Music	Mrs. Lisa Hengst	
Choir Director	Mrs. Kathy Kolb	
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