

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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

All Saints' Day (Observed)

October 30th & November 2nd, 2025

"By His Grace you are saved through faith"

Ephesians 2:8

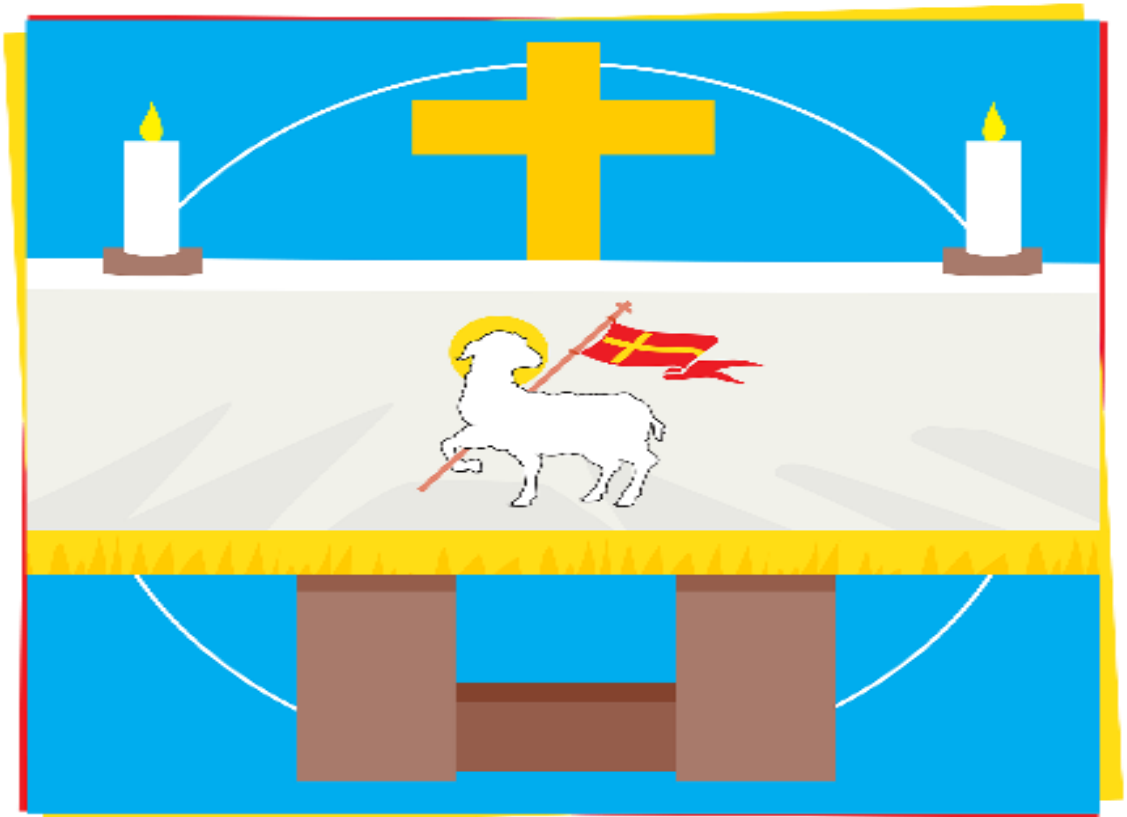


Image: "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." (*Revelation 7:14b*)

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 “Saints Now and Then”

When we think about “*saints*,” we typically think of “*really good people*.” But as we gather for All Saints' Day, we are reminded that all who are baptized are “*saints*” because they are really God's people. When we are baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus, we become God's children and saints. We are saints now because of our Baptism. We will continue to be saints when Jesus comes back because God's call does not change. “*See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are*” (1 John 3:1).

We invite a moment of silence during the prelude for Prayer

As our organist begins the prelude we move from our regular conversations and the happenings of the world around us in order to turn our attention to worship. **Please take these moments as an opportunity to focus on prayer.** Make use of this time to look through our service in anticipation of the scripture we will share and the hymns we will sing. God richly bless us as we gather in God's presence today! We hope you will take these moments as a time to transition into worship as we have entered into God's presence through Word and Sacrament.

Order of Service: *Divine Service Setting 1, pg. 151*

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Opening Hymn 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives (vs. 1-5)

Stand

Confession and Absolution LSB 151

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

Introit (*Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b, sung responsively*)



These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;*

in your righteousness de- | liver me.
For you are my rock and my | fortress;*
and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.
Into your hand I commit my | spirit;*
you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

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.

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

Kyrie LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

This Is the Feast LSB 155

C **This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day *LSB 156*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Grace Choir (10:30am only)—"Touched with Grace"

Litany of Remembrance for All Saints' Day 2025

Today, as we observe All Saints' Day, we commemorate those from our congregations who have fallen asleep in Jesus during the past year. A bell or chime is rung following the reading of the name of the deceased. The pastor and congregation then continue with the reading from Holy Scripture.

+ Sandy Stellhorn +

P: I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies;

C: **And whoever lives and believes in Me will never die. (Jn 11:25-26)**

+ Fred Sedlacek +

P: Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

C: Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. (Col 3:1-2)

+ Curt Bayer +

P: I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth.

C: And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God. (Job 19:25-26)

+ Myrtle Klemp+

P: I tell you the truth, whoever hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has eternal life.

C: And will not be condemned: He has crossed over from death to life. (Jn 5:24)

+ Norma Herzog +

P: I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

C: Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness. (2 Tim 4:7-8)

+ Mike Zanardi +

P: For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we belong to the Lord.

C: So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. (Rom 14:7-8)

+ Floyd Leonard +

P: ¹²So teach us to number our days

C: that we may get a heart of wisdom. (Psalm 90:12)

+ Geri Tupper +

P: ⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,

C: and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. (Isa. 25:8)

+ William Chicos +

P: ⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

C: ⁴³And Jesus said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (Luke 23:42-43)

+ Rita Dueno +

P: ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever.

C: The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:14)

+ Thomas Janes +

P: ³⁶Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life,

C: so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. (John 4:36)

+ Sharon McCaigue +

P: ²⁵“Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here,

C: when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. (John 5:25)

+ Dennis McCaigue +

P: ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,

C: he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. (Rom. 8:11)

+ John Loveall +

P: ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

C: ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. (1 Cor. 15:20-21)

+ Sharon Robe +

P: ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

C: ⁵³For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. (1 Cor. 15:52-53)

+ Thomas Robe +

P: ¹³Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak,

C: ¹⁴knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. (2 Cor. 4:13-14)

+ Chris Stampfle +

P: ¹⁵and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves

C: but for him who for their sake died and was raised. (2 Cor. 5:15)

+ Shane Schlechter +

P: ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world.

C: And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. (1 John 5:4)

+ Linda Puchter +

P: ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is

with man.

C: He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. (Rev. 21:3)

+ Gayle Stephens +

P: ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

C: ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matt. 11:28-30)

+ Sue de Shazo +

P: ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell.

C: ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. (Phil. 1:21-23)

+ Charlie Magestro +

P: ²³And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

C: ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. (John 12:23-25)

+ Thomas D. Janes +

P: ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

C: ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. (John 10:14-15 & 27-28)

+ Gloria Kilponen +

P: ⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

C: ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. (Psalm 23:4-6)

+ John McPhee II +

P: ⁵Into your hand I commit my spirit;

C: you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God. (Psalm 31:5)

+ Kurt Schmeiser +

P: ¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C: ¹⁰“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!” ¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
(Psalm 46:1, 10-11)

P: Let us pray... Almighty God, in whose glorious presence live all who depart in the Lord and before whom all the souls of the faithful who are delivered of the burden of the flesh are in joy and felicity, we give You hearty thanks for Your loving-kindness to all Your servants who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors, and we humbly implore Your mercy that we, together with all who have departed in the saving faith, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, in both body and soul, in Your eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

First Reading *Revelation 7:9-17*

(A picture of God's saints gathered around His heavenly throne.)

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵“Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

Gradual (*Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5, read responsively*)

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*

in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

Epistle Lesson 1 *John 3:1-3*

(We are God's children.)

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse *LSB 156*

- C **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.**
Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia Verse for All Saints' Day — "*Alleluia. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us [look] to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Alleluia.*" (*Hebrews 12:1a, 2a*)

Holy Gospel *Matthew 5:1-12*

(God's children are blessed.)

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed *LSB 158*

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 "Why Are They Called Saints?" (1 John 3:1-3) (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 725 Children of the Heavenly Father (vs. 1-4)

Sermon "Saints Now & Then" (1 John 3:1-3)

Offertory *LSB 159*

- C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
 I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
 I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
 I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
 in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Offering/Attendance

As the offerings are being passed to you by the ushers, we ask that you take this time to fill out the attendance pads located in your pews so that we can acknowledge your presence with us today. We are so glad that you have joined us in worship here at Grace!!! We also thank you for your generosity and support of Jesus Christ our Lord's Kingdom work!!! God bless you!!!

You can now give online. It's easy, fast, and secure. If you're able, we also encourage you to set up recurring giving by texting **graceoc** to 206-859-9405, use this QR Code or head to our web-site at graceoakcreek.org. You may give a onetime gift or set up your regular weekly or monthly offering. Those using this method of giving may still bring their envelope if they wish and simply write 'online giving' on the outside and place it in the offering plate.



Stand

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

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

Preface *LSB 160*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. 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 161*

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:**

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving *LSB 161*

P Blessed are You, our heavenly Father, the Maker of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on us and all of Your children by sending Your Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and to become the perfect sacrifice for the sins of the world through His death and resurrection, into which You baptize all of Your children. As we gather in Your name and the memory of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, purify, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit so that when Jesus reappears, we shall know Him because we will be like Him and see Him as He is. Lead us to faithfully eat and drink His body and blood. Gather us together as Your children as we gather at Your Son's Table. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer *LSB 162*

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

The Words of Our Lord *LSB 162*

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

Pax Domini *LSB 163*

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

Agnus Dei *LSB 163*

- C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

Sit

Distribution

We celebrate the Lord’s Supper

Members of our sister LC-MS congregations are invited to join us for communion. Guests to our Lutheran Church are invited to first speak with Pastor before joining at our Lord’s Table. We hope you will learn more about us as we gather to “*Celebrate, Teach, and Confess*” the Good News of God’s Grace! In the

Bible, the Apostle Paul wrote: *Let a person examine himself and so eat of the bread, and drink of the cup* (1 Cor. 11:28). Before attending the Lord's Supper, ask yourself the following questions:

1. *Do I believe that I am a sinner, and am sorry for my sins?* (Prov. 28:13; Rom. 3:23; 1 John 1:8-9)
2. *Do I believe that Jesus Christ by His death, offers me forgiveness for all my sins?* (Romans 5:8; Col. 2:13; Heb. 9:28; 1 John 1:7)
3. *Do I believe that I receive the body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine (not merely symbolically present?)* (Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 10:16; 1 Cor. 11:24-25)
4. *Do I desire to turn from my sinful ways and live a God pleasing life by the power of the Holy Spirit?* (Isaiah 1:16; John 8:11; Rom. 6:12)

If you are unable to answer yes to these questions, please talk to the pastor before communing, as participating without a proper understanding of Holy Communion can be spiritual harmful (1 Cor. 11:27-29). If you can answer yes to these questions, then come with a repentant heart and join us in the reception of the Lord's Supper. Adults and children not yet instructed about Holy Communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION PRACTICE—We are offering altar/rail communion as our communion practice. While you are at the altar, please let us know if you would like to receive the Common Cup. Individual communion cups are also available to you. You also have the option to kneel or remain standing during altar/rail communion. Gluten Free communion wafers are also available upon request. If it is physically difficult for you to commune at the altar rail, please speak to the Pastor or an elder about receiving communion in your pew.

Distribution Hymns

-672 Jerusalem the Golden

-813 Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

Stand

Thank the Lord LSB 164

- C **Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Post-Communion Collect LSB 166

- A Let us pray. Gracious God and Father, we thank You for nourishing our bodies and souls with the body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. We thank You that for His sake You have purified us and given us 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 empowered to serve You constantly; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Benediction LSB 166

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C Amen.

Closing Hymn 677 For All the Saints (vs. 1-4)

Announcements

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!



The flowers on the altar are given this week by Sharon Russell

In memory of her Father and Mother's Wedding 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); Cindy 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); 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 (healing & strength) relative of Pauline Parker; 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; Debbie Parker (healing & strength) Pauline Parker's daughter in law; Scott Brenton (on dialysis) Linda

Maldonado's fiancé; **Rose Adams** (healing & strength); **Tom** (healing & strength) brother of Rod Novak; **Gary** (leukemia) friend of Marlene Voss; **Jan Barrett** (bladder cancer); **Great niece of Donna Smith** (healing from burns); **Mark Taggatz** (knee surgery in early November.); **Karen** (surgery); **Jen** (recovery from torn hamstring) daughter of Lori Kachelmeier; **Rachel Goodle** (comfort & strength); **Barb Praxel** (healing & strength); **Joey** (kidney cancer) Great nephew of Carol Loveall; **Pam** (melanoma, healing & strength) relative of Carol Thurber; **Alexis** (healing & strength) daughter in law of Lori Jablonski; **Steven Gettelman** (healing & strength) son of Steve & Jennifer Gettelman; **Karen** (hospice) Aunt of Janine Pieper; **Drew Gottwald & family** (recovery after a house fire); **Mamaia** (healing & strength) friend of Pam & Rod Novak; **Doug Klipfel** (cataract surgery); **Paul** (recovery after stroke) Jim Pieper's brother.

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

We mourn with the families of **Gloria Kilponen**, the family of **Mildred Honsbruch**, sister of **Art Steinborn**, and **John McPhee II, son of Joanne McPhee**, who were recently called home to heavenly rest. *“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die.’” — John 11:25-26* **Prayer:** *Gracious and merciful Lord, we thank You for calling Your servants, John, Gloria, and Mildred to their heavenly home and for the faith You granted them in Christ Jesus. Comfort their loved ones and all who mourn their deaths with the promise that death is not the end, but the door to everlasting life with You. Strengthen their hearts through Your Word and fill them with the peace that surpasses all understanding through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.*

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**. **If you do not have access to a computer you may call, prayers for worship:**

Church Office:			414-762-8990
Requests on prayer line:	10am-3 pm	Carol Thurber	414-762-9615
	3pm-9 pm	Pauline Parker	414-764-5574

Assisting with the Divine Service

We thank God for all those individuals who have been involved in supporting our worship services this week. If you are interested in assisting in any of the ways shown below, please speak with pastor or one of our elders.

	<u>Thursday 10/30 6:30pm</u>	<u>Sunday 11/2 8:00am</u>	<u>Sunday 11/2 10:30am</u>
<u>Elders</u>	Lance Kopperud	Adam Voss	Craig Lau
<u>Readers</u>	Connie Roettgen	Glenn Dotson	Pastor Taggatz
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Suzie Mirenda	Janine Pieper	Janine Pieper
		Marlene Voss	Marlene Voss
<u>Linens</u>	Jennifer Olen	Char Klipfel	Char Klipfel
<u>Acolyte</u>	David Penn	Matthew Scherer	Henry Peppler
<u>Ushers</u>	Lance Kopperud	Benjamin Tindall	Gabby Salzer
	Marlene Voss		Rick Weeks
			Kathy Weeks
<u>Livestream</u>		Glenn Dotson	

Welcome to Our New Members at Grace Lutheran Church – Oak Creek!

We rejoice in the Lord as we welcome several new members into our Grace family! What a blessing it is to see God continuing to grow His church among us. Please join us in giving thanks to God and in warmly welcoming the following individuals and families who have recently joined our congregation:

- **Krista & Alexander Scudder** and their daughter **Charlotte**
- **Darin & Jill Kent**
- **Sandra Juntunen**
- **Susan “Sue” Krueger**

We are so happy to have each of you as part of our Grace family! May the Lord bless you richly as we grow together in faith, serve one another in love, and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our community. Welcome to Grace!!!

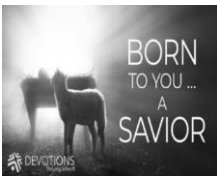
Mark your calendars, Grace Family –*Trivia Night is coming!*

On **Saturday, November 15th from 6:30 to 8:00pm** in our school gym, the Fellowship Committee is hosting an evening of fun, food, and friendly competition. Think you’ve got the smarts? Teams of 6-8 will battle through three rounds of trivia to see who takes home the glory! Don’t worry if you don’t have a team—we’ll put folks together. Just no cell phones—your brain is your best tool! It’s free to join—just bring a finger food to share and non-alcoholic drinks for your family. **Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex of church.** Save the date and get ready for a night of laughs, learning, and a little healthy competition! **Go here to sign-up online:** <https://forms.gle/VzjnCKcYq4suathKA>

Georgie Porgie Dining Out Night – Wednesday, November 20th We are blessed to have several wonderful opportunities coming up to enjoy delicious food, share in Christian fellowship, and support our Grace Lutheran School—all thanks to the efforts of our Grace Lutheran PTLs! This fundraiser not only helps provide resources for our school particularly to help support our school field trips but also strengthen the bonds of our Grace family. Join us for another great night of food and fellowship at Georgie Porgie’s in Oak Creek! It’s a wonderful opportunity to get out with friends, enjoy a great meal, and help raise funds for our school’s field trips.

Your 3rd Quarter *Grace Lutheran Giving Statements* are available to pick up in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity and support of the ministries here at Grace. We couldn’t do the work of ministry at our Church, School, and ECC without your prayers and support. God bless you!!!

2025 “Born to You ... a Savior,” Lutheran Hour Ministries Advent Devotion



God in His incomparable love has made a way for us through the wilderness. He did this by giving us His Son, our Light in the darkness. In *Born to You ... a Savior*, we embrace the Christmas joy and wonder of Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

At Christ’s birth, God the Father did a new and everlasting thing in our lives: He gave us His one and only Son for our redemption. In divine humility, Jesus joined us as a human being. Born of a woman, bearing the sins of the world, Jesus comes to us as our Protector, our Deliverer, our Savior.

We will 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!!

Choir at Grace—Choir practice is on Thursday evenings following our 6:30pm worship service. The psalmist reminds us to “*make a joyful noise to the Lord*” (Psalm 100:1), and Martin Luther once said, “*He who sings prays twice.*” What a wonderful way to lift our voices in praise together! If you would like more information, please contact **Kathy Kolb at 414-744-7781**. Please join us—we would love to have you!



Holiday Worship Schedule for 2025

“All About Mary”

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.

During Advent, we wait *for* Jesus, *with* Jesus. The darkest part of the year is brightened by the assurance that the Savior who came for the world once is coming again. And we do not wait alone. Together, the whole Christian Church is accompanied in this waiting by the Christ who promises to be with His people always. Jesus’ mother, the virgin Mary, knows a lot about waiting. With pregnant anticipation, Mary waited *for* Jesus, the promised Messiah who would reign from David’s throne forever. But Mary was always waiting *with* Jesus, the Son of the Most High nestled within her womb. Throughout this Advent, we will listen with Mary, sing with Mary, and wait with Mary. Because, on darkest days, the Christ comes as near to you as He did to Mary to wait *with* you for the glorious sunrise that’s coming. **Please note**, due to our special holiday worship there will be no Thursday night worship service on Thursday December 25th, as we will be having worship that morning on Christmas Day.

Holiday Worship Service Schedule

Wednesday, November 26 – 6:30pm

Thanksgiving Eve Service with Communion

“Think...Thank” – Deuteronomy 8:1–10

Thursday, December 4 – 6:30pm

Advent Midweek 1: “Introducing Mary” – Luke 1:26

Sunday, December 7 – 8:00am & 10:30am

Special “Trim the Tree” Service – 2nd Sunday in Advent

Thursday, December 11 – 6:30pm

Advent Midweek 2: “She Was Betrothed to a Man” – Luke 1:27

Thursday, December 18 – 6:30pm

Advent Midweek 3: “And Mary Sang” – Luke 1:46–55

Wednesday, December 24 – 4:00pm & 5:30pm

Christmas Eve – “The Nativity of Our Lord: She Gave Birth” – Luke 2:7

Thursday, December 25 – 9:30am

Christmas Day – “Became Flesh” – John 1:14

(Note: No Thursday evening worship on December 25th)

Sunday, December 28 – 9:30am only

Worship with Communion – 1st Sunday after Christmas

(Note: One service only this Sunday)

Thursday, January 1 – 6:30pm

New Year’s Day Worship with Communion – “Digging in Dirt, Finding the Name of God” – Numbers 6:22–27

Sunday, January 5 – 8:00am & 10:30am

The Epiphany of Our Lord – “The Singing Camels of Sheba” – Isaiah 6

Join the Grace Oak Creek VBS Committee!

Plans are underway for **Vacation Bible School in June 2026**, and we're forming a committee to help with planning and preparation. Volunteers are needed for areas such as **decorations, supplies, recruitment, fundraising, and more**. If you're interested in serving, please email apankow@graceoakcreek.org

Grief Share Seminar and Support Group at Grace

No matter what the circumstances, grief recovery is a painful process. Have you or someone you know experienced the death of a loved one recently? On **Monday, September 15th**, Grace Lutheran will be starting a **Grief Share Seminar and Support Group** to help those walking through the difficult journey of grief. This group is designed to offer comfort, understanding, and encouragement through God's Word and the fellowship of His Church. Many who have attended Grief Share have found that it helps them begin putting their lives back together again with the Lord's help.

When: Mondays, September 15th – December 15th **Time:** 6:30–8:00pm

Where: Grace Lutheran School Library, 8537 S. Pennsylvania Ave, Oak Creek, WI **Cost:** \$20.00

There will also be a **special session, "Surviving the Holidays,"** on **Monday, December 1st**—a time when grief can often feel even heavier. Our Grief Share group will be led by **Lori Kachelmeier** and **Jeanne Meyer**, who will walk alongside participants as they learn from nationally recognized experts on grief recovery. Topics include: *"Is This Normal?"* *"The Challenges of Grief,"* *"Grief and Your Relationships,"* *"Why?"* and *"Guilt and Anger."* **Register online here:** tinyurl.com/57tkyjy8 For more information, please call our Church Office at 414-762-8990 or email church@graceoakcreek.org **Jeanne Meyer** – meyorch@sbcglobal.net **Lori Kachelmeier** – jlkachel2@gmail.com Please share this opportunity with anyone you know who may be struggling with the loss of a loved one. May our gracious Lord use this ministry to bring His comfort, peace, and hope to many.

Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

The Ladies Bible Study will be starting up again. Please join us on Wednesday mornings at Church at 9:30 a.m. We are studying, *"Patience & Perfection: Finding Peace in God's Plan for You!"* by Rev. Dr. Paavola, who is a professor of theology at Concordia University Wisconsin.

Sunday Morning Bible Class from 9:15-10:15am in the School Library

Starting Sunday September 14th—Matthew: "His Kingdom Forever." (10 sessions)

Each study in the *God's Word for Today* series provides an in-depth exploration of a book of the Bible. Each session includes:

- background information on the book of the Bible, its author, audience, occasion, and purpose;
- learning experiences that promote exciting and challenging discussions;
- notes for leaders that answer questions, suggest a learning process, and provide additional information;
- discussion starters that help participants apply God's Word to their daily lives.

The apostle Matthew writes his gospel to proclaim to the world that its promised Savior has come. Pointing to Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies, Matthew proclaims the universality of Jesus' love. Let's take a look at the Gospel of Matthew and learn and grow!

LUTHERAN "The Way Out" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus alone is the Way out, rescuing us from sin, despair, and death. He calls us to live as people "on the way." (1 Corinthians 10:13) Listen online at: lutheranhour.org/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

"We know that there will always be changes in laws and politics, and we can only change that as best as we can. The comfort that we do know is that the Father does not change like shifting shadows. In today's world, changes are swift and inevitable, but our faith and trust in our unchanging God are the comforts that sustain us!" *Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org* Are you struggling with a crisis pregnancy or guilt after an abortion? Word of Hope can help. www.word-of-hope.org; 888-217-8679. Word of Hope can help. www.word-of-hope.org; 888-217-8679.

IN THE WORD ALL SAINTS' DAY (OBSERVED)

Catechism: Creed—Third Article

Verse of the week: John 6:63, "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life."

Psalm of the week: Psalm 149 (antiphon vs. 4)

Hymn of the week: TLH 656 "Behold a Host, Arrayed in White" (stanza 1)

Bible Readings for the Week:

Sunday— All Saints': The Beatitudes—Matthew 5:1-12

Monday— Harvest Observance—Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday— God's Covenant with Abram—Promise of a Son—Gen. 15:1-6

Wednesday— Hagar and Ishmael—Genesis 16:1-16

Thursday— Circumcision and Abram's Name Change—Gen. 17:1-11 (12-14)

Friday— Sarai's Name Change—Genesis 17:15-27

Saturday— Genesis 1:1—2:3

Decorate the Chancel for Christmas!

Order Your Poinsettia Today!

Bring Christmas joy to our sanctuary with a beautiful red poinsettia.

Deadline and Payment Due by: *Sunday, November 23rd, 2025*

Sizes & Prices:

6" (Width 16") \$17.00

7" (Width 18") \$22.00

10" (Width 28") \$42.00



How to Order: Sign up on the table in the narthex and include your payment in the envelope provided - or call the church office at **762-8990** to order by phone. **Checks payable to:** Grace Lutheran Church
Red poinsettias in gold foil—perfect to honor or remember a loved one this Christmas!

Grace Ladies Guild – Saturday, November 8th
10:00am-12:00pm at school

We will be creating cookie packages for Grace's shut ins.

Please bring along a dozen cookies to share.

Any questions, please free to contact Jennifer Olen.

Mite Box Weekend
November 6th & 9th

Next weekend is the time to bring back your mite box
you received on LWML Sunday.

We can't wait to hear all that change falling in to the
large Mite Box in the Narthex.

Thank you for supporting the missions of the Lutheran Women in Mission!

**GOD HONORS US WITH THE
PRIVILEGE OF BEING HIS
STEWARDS.**

"...fill the earth and subdue it, and
have dominion over...everything
that moves on the earth" (Genesis 1:28).



Stewardship Minute

The first words of the Bible are *"In the beginning God..."* That is how everything begins—with God. God created all things, and He gives us all things. All of life is a gift from God. *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above"* (James 1:17). We are the recipients of all of God's gifts and blessings, and we are stewards of everything He entrusts to us. Receiving lies at the heart of what it means to be human. We are needy beings: dependent on God for our existence and all the good gifts of creation, and dependent on one another for community, relationship, sustenance, and so much more. We are needy. God created us that way. We receive, and then we can give. If we reject our dependence upon God, we are putting ourselves in God's place.

Growing in Grace – October 23rd & 26th

<i>General Offering</i>	<i>\$2928.00</i>	
<i>On-Line Giving</i>	<i>\$737.00</i>	
<i>Missions</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>	
<i>Mortgage Fund</i>	<i>\$135.00</i>	
<i>Portals of Prayer</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	
<i>Debt Reduction Fund</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	
<i>Lutheran Schools</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	
<i>Sunday School</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	
<i>Total:</i>	<i>\$3900.00</i>	<i>Attendance Total: 40/71</i>
		<i>Communed: 93</i>

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

Opportunities at Grace this week!

Sunday	11/2	8:00am	Divine Worship
		9:15am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
		10:30am	Divine Worship
		6-8:30pm	Stephen Minister Training
Monday	11/3	6:30pm	Confirmation Class
		6:30pm	Grief Share
Tuesday	11/4	7:00am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (OC Diner)
Wednesday	11/5	9:30am	Ladies Bible Study
		6:30pm	Grace All Boards Meeting
Thursday	11/6	6:30pm	Divine Worship
Friday	11/7	-----	-----
Saturday	11/8	-----	-----
Sunday	11/9	8:00am	Divine Worship
		9:15am	Adult Bible Class
		10:30am	Divine Worship
		6-8:30pm	Stephen Minister Training

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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