

# Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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*Celebrate  
Teach  
Share  
God's Grace*

## Holy Trinity Sunday

May 28<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026

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



**Image:** "Blesséd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity. Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us." (*Introit*)

# 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—“God’s Thinking About You”**

It seems unsettling that God is thinking about us. At first, aware of our failings, we are full of guilt and perhaps foreboding. But understanding God's loving concern, His thoughts quell our misgivings. The Old Testament Reading reminds us that He created everything—*for us*. Although the people of Jerusalem were instrumental in Jesus' crucifixion, Peter's reminder of David's writing points out that the Creator is stronger than His creation. Good news! And despite our sins and wanderings, God wants to use us. He has work for us to do. He must be thinking about what we can do, now separated from our sins. We have been united to Christ. *“O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!”* (Psalm 8:1).

### **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.



my flesh also | dwells secure.  
**For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,\***  
**or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.**  
You make known to me the | path of life;\*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

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

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.\*  
Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.

### **Kyrie *LSB 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.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 154***

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.  
C **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**  
**We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.**  
**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:**  
**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**  
**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,**  
**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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

C **Amen.**

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading *Genesis 1:1–2:4a***

**(*God creates all that exists.*)**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” <sup>7</sup>And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>11</sup>And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup>And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the

fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup>And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

<sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” <sup>29</sup>And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup>And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4</sup>These are the generations  
of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm—Psalm 8 (antiphon: v. 9, read responsively, whole verse by whole verse, congregation reads bold font)**

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!\*

You have set your glory above the | heavens.

<sup>2</sup>**Out of the mouth of babes and infants,  
you have established strength because | of your foes,\*  
to still the enemy and the a- | venger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I look at your heavens, the work of your | fingers,\*  
the moon and the stars, which you have | set in place,

<sup>4</sup>**what is man that you are mind- | ful of him,\*  
and the son of man that you | care for him?**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings\*  
and crowned him with glory and | honor.

<sup>6</sup>**You have given him dominion over the works | of your hands;\*  
you have put all things under | his feet,**

<sup>7</sup>all sheep and | oxen,\*  
and also the beasts | of the field,

<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the heavens, and the fish | of the sea,\*  
whatever passes along the paths | of the seas.**

<sup>9</sup>O | LORD, our Lord,\*  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

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

*(Peter tells the Good News to those who crucified our Lord.)*

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

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

“‘I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
my flesh also will dwell in hope.

<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One see corruption.

<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup>“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not

abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

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

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

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

*Stand*

### **Alleluia and Verse LSB 156**

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

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

### **Holy Gospel Matthew 28:16-20**

*(Jesus promises to accompany His followers.)*

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

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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

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

- L Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
- C **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**

- L And the catholic faith is this,  
 C **that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**
- L For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.  
 C **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**
- L Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:  
 C **the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**
- L the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;  
 C **the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**
- L And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,  
 C **just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**
- L In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;  
 C **and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.**
- L So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;  
 C **and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**
- L So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;  
 C **and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**
- L Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.  
 C **The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.**
- L The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.  
 C **The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.**
- L Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.  
 C **And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;**

- L but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
- C **Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**
- L But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C **Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.**
- L He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:
- C **perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**
- L equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- C **Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:**
- L one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- C **one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**
- L For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- C **who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**
- L ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- C **At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.**
- L And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- C **This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.**

*Sit*

Sermon Hymn 507 Holy, Holy, Holy (vs. 1-4)

Sermon "Mindful of Tiny, Little Us" (Psalm 8)

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](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 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, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus *LSB 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, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. 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**

-617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

-506 Glory Be to God the Father

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

### **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.**

*Sit*

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

**Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!**

**People: Thanks be to God!**





*The flowers on the altar are given by Bill and Kathy Szefflinski*

*In honor of their 34<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!*



**WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

*For all who worship this day, bless us through your Word, O Lord.* **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 & patience); **Gary Forsythe** (dementia) friend of Carol Loveall; **Brittany** (cancer) daughter of Denise Afelt; **Judy** (poor eyesight) friend of Joy Lussier; **Darlene & Jerry Urbaniak's Nephew** (Alzheimer's); **Jenny Rice** (cancer); **Jennifer** (diagnosed with MS); **Steve Benzie** (stomach pain, hernia); **Cheryl** (cancer) friend of Dennis Iseli; **Carol Long** (cancer) friend of Joy Lussier; **Mariya** (cancer); **Terri** (healing and strength) friend of Joy Lussier; **Cris Evers** (healing & strength); **Laura** (Lou Gehrig's Disease) friend of Jim & Janine Pieper; **Martha Rowley** (healing & strength) Grandma of Mary Rowley; **Dale** (pancreatic cancer) brother of Joy Lussier; **Evan Kopperud** (healing & strength); **Tina Drapp** (breast cancer); **Debbie Parker** (healing & strength) Pauline Parker's daughter in law; **Scott Brenton** (on dialysis) Linda Maldonado's fiancé; **Gary** (leukemia) friend of Marlene Voss; **Karen** (surgery); **Pam** (melanoma, healing & strength) relative of Carol Thurber; **Carol LaBanco** (pancreatic cancer) friend of Pauline Parker's family; **Marilyn Pugh** (heart condition) friend of Carol Loveall; **Shirley Stachowiak** (cancer) niece of Dennis Iseli; **Lori Jablonski** (cancer); **Christopher Barnard** (healing & strength following surgery); **Dan Taggatz** (Cardiac Rehab) Pastor Taggatz's Uncle; **John Falcon** (cancer) Carol Loveall's Nephew; **Chris** (leukemia) friend of Joanne Jaeger; **Jackie Lehman** (healing & strength); **Morgan Christianson** (surgery) Fiancé of Anthony Parker; **Alan Jacobson** (declining health) Father of Jill Kent; **Connie Roettgen** (healing from neck injury); **Rob Kahlman** (healing from complications after lung transplant) Scott Brenton's brother-in-law; **Ron and Judy** (cancer) friends of Mike & Pat Toman, and **Lynn Buzzell** (healing & strength); **Betty** (hospice) mother of Lori Kachelmeier; **Michael Knoll** (cancer) friend of Doc Medek; **Char Klipfel** (healing & strength); **Brian** (rotator cuff surgery) friend of Mary Rowley;

*For our Homebound Members at Grace:* Kathy Gaudian, Bernice Byklum, Art Steinborn, Doc Medek, Rose Adams, and Jim Sauer.

*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:**

9am-3pm	Carol Thurber	414-762-9615
3pm-9pm	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 5/28 6:30pm</u>	<u>Sunday 5/31 9:00am</u>
<u>Elders</u>	Greg Nowakowski	Eric Kamprath
<u>Readers</u>	Suzie Miranda	Glenn Dotson
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Suzie Miranda	Kathy & Morgan
<u>Linens</u>	Char Klipfel	Char Klipfel
<u>Acolyte</u>		
<u>Ushers</u>	Douglas Klipfel	Craig Lau
	Charlotte Klipfel	Jen Lau
<u>Livestream</u>		Glenn Dotson

### ***\*Special Voters Meeting\* Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>***

Grace Lutheran Church will hold a Special Voters Meeting on Sunday, May 31st, immediately following the 9:00am worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to issue a Divine Call for a Middle School teacher for our school ministry.

Because this is a Call meeting, a quorum of voting members will be needed.

We encourage all voting members of the congregation to please plan to attend this important meeting as we prayerfully seek the Lord's guidance for this important role in our ministry.

This special meeting will take place on the same Sunday that we celebrate our staff anniversaries.

We thank God for the faithful service of our teachers and staff and ask for His continued blessings upon Grace Lutheran Church and School.

### ***2026 Summer Catechetical Series—"Perspectives on the Cross"***

The Six Chief Parts of the Christian Faith are well known among our Lutheran members, and it is a good practice to rehearse and even interrogate them often for the benefit of those under our care. This series is an attempt to provide a fresh look at the Chief Parts, to show how they fit into the Christian's daily walk and may be practiced in our daily interactions. These teachings attempt to display this truth by viewing the Chief Parts through multifaceted aspects of the cross, using comparisons to our bones, eyes, and words, to wind, to a unique way with which we Christians are blessed, and to fire. The final sermon encourages us to bear our crosses in daily life and in doing so participate in the redemptive work of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, seeing all of life and its activities through the lens of the cross of Calvary as well as the vacant cross and empty tomb.

1. June 4<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>—Cross Bones: The Ten Commandments, Matthew 5:17–20
2. June 11<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>—Cross Eyes: The Apostles' Creed, 1 Corinthians 15:1–11
3. June 18<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>—Cross Words: The Lord's Prayer, Matthew 6:5–15
4. June 25<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>—Cross Wind: Holy Baptism, John 3:1–17
5. July 16 & 19—Cross Way: Confession, 1 John 1:5–10
6. July 23 & 26<sup>th</sup>—Cross Fire: Holy Communion, 1 Corinthians 11:17–34
7. July 30<sup>th</sup> & August 2<sup>nd</sup>—Cross Bearers: Faith and Works, Ephesians 2:1–10; James 2:14–26

### ***Staff Anniversary Celebration - May 31<sup>st</sup>***

Join us as we give thanks for the faithful service of our staff!  
You are invited to a brunch celebration on  
**Sunday, May 31 at 10:30 a.m. in the Grace gym**

We will be recognizing the following anniversaries:

**Rachel Miliacca - 25 years**  
**Steve Gettelman - 20 years**  
**Rita Heinen - 15 years**  
**Kristi DeVries - 10 years**  
**Jen Mendez - 10 years**  
**Nikki Tindall - 10 years**  
**Dena Guziewicz - 10 years**  
**Anthony Hengst - 5 years**

Come and celebrate these dedicated servants who have been such a blessing  
to our congregation, school, and ministry.

We thank God for their years of service and look forward to sharing this  
joyful time together!

You can RSVP via this link: <https://forms.gle/phQM7kuufuqVHjhu7>

You can also sign up for the staff anniversary celebration in the narthex at Church!

**Visit from Rev. Paul & Gena Nelson**

**Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**

***LCMS Missionaries to Asia***

We are blessed to share that Rev. Paul and Gena Nelson will be visiting Grace on Thursday, May 28, following our 6:30 p.m. worship service. Pastor Nelson previously visited us a few years ago before beginning his LCMS mission work in Indonesia. He now serves as a *Regional Director in Asia for LCMS missionaries, based in Medan, Indonesia*. In this role, he works closely with partner churches and organizations throughout Southeast Asia, providing theological training, pastoral mentoring, and pastoral care, while building relationships across many cultures and languages. We invite you to join us after worship that evening to hear more about the Lord's work through the Nelsons and the spread of the Gospel in Southeast Asia. It will be a wonderful opportunity to reconnect and to support them in their mission.

**You can learn more about their work here:** <https://www.lcms.org/Nelson>

We hope you can join us for this encouraging evening!



## **Giving Tree in our Church Sanctuary begins on Memorial Day Weekend!!!**

The *Giving Tree* from our Board of Stewardship will be up soon in our Church Sanctuary. 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!!!

## **Military Bible Sticks Campaign!**

**Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**

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>

## Thrivent Choice Dollars — Support God’s Ministry at Grace Lutheran

Thrivent recently announced an exciting change to make ministry support easier and more impactful through Thrivent Choice Dollars. Instead of distributing Choice Dollars gradually throughout the year, Thrivent has now placed the full annual amount of your 2026 Choice Dollars into your account right away.

This means you can direct all of your 2026 Choice Dollars now, putting them to work immediately for God’s ministry at Grace Lutheran Church, School, & ECC in Oak Creek rather than waiting until the end of the year. Please consider logging into your Thrivent account and directing your 2026 Thrivent Choice Dollars to support the mission and ministry of Grace Lutheran Church, School, & ECC Oak Creek. Thank you for your continued support and generosity as we share the love of Christ with our congregation, school families, and community.



## Join our Grace Oak Creek VBS!!!

VBS 2026 – Rainforest Falls  
*June 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 9am-12pm*  
*at our Lutheran School*

This year’s Vacation Bible School will use Group Publishing’s “*Rainforest Falls*” program. Amy Pankow, our 4K Teacher at Grace & VBS Superintendent, is inviting volunteers to prayerfully consider taking ownership of one or more key areas to help VBS at Grace run smoothly.

**Our VBS this year is for children ages 4K-4<sup>th</sup> Grade. Children 5<sup>th</sup> Grade through High School are asked to sign up and help volunteer for this year’s VBS.**

Areas where help is especially needed include:

- Decorating
- Recruitment (station leaders, helpers, and crew leaders—often older students)
- Enrollment (tracking registrations, attendance days, and dismissal information)
- Props and supplies
- Follow-up and outreach
- Training crew leaders and station leaders

If you’re interested in serving, please email: [apankow@graceoakcreek.org](mailto:apankow@graceoakcreek.org)

**To register you child, donate towards this year’s VBS, and also sign up to volunteer for Vacation Bible School at Grace please visit this website:**

<https://vbspro.events/p/graceoakcreek>

**The Lutheran Hour "A Friendly Recommendation"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. What happens when you find out that acquiring everything you've ever wanted... still isn't enough? (Genesis 1:26) Listen online at: lhm.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

"If we want to save more Trinitarian-valued lives, then we need to knock a Humpty Dumpty way of thinking about words off the wall. We need to speak of the reality behind the word 'abortion' and use such a time as this to speak of the reality behind the Word made flesh to dwell among us and in us and for us. You have been called for such a time as this." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life - 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.

### **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 2026. Please call the Church Office for what board positions are currently available for the next term.

### **Fellowship Committee ICE CREAM SOCIAL!**

We will be having our annual Ice Cream Social after each service at church on:

Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>  
and Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

You will be able to make your own Sundaes - or just enjoy a dish of ice cream! Please mark your calendars and bring your family for a sweet treat on us!



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

### **Catechism:**

Creed—Third Article

### **Verse of the week:**

Matthew 28:18b-20, *“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always even to the end of the age.”*

### **Psalm of the week:**

Psalm 8

### **Hymn of the week:**

LSB 498 “Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”

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

**Sunday** - Holy Trinity: The Great Commission—Matthew 28:16-20

**Monday** - The Visitation—Luke 1:39-56

**Tuesday** - The Genealogy of Jesus—Matthew 1:1-17

**Wednesday** - The Baptism of Our Lord—Matthew 3:13-17

**Thursday** - The Temptation of Our Lord—Matthew 4:1-11

**Friday** - Jesus’ Ministry and the Call of the Fishermen—Matthew 4:12-25

**Saturday** - The Sermon on the Mount: The Beatitudes—Matthew 5:1-12 & Christ’s Righteousness Fulfills the Law—Matthew 5:13-20

**Stewardship Minute** Jesus’ last command before His ascension was to “Go therefore and make disciples...” (Matthew 28:19). One of the ways that we are obedient to the Great Commission is to financially support the spreading of the Gospel. In addition to supporting our church on a weekly basis through our offerings, we have the opportunity to help fund many other Christian causes that share the Good News to people who do not know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Jesus told His disciples that through their faithful giving they were enabling other people the opportunity to hear the life-saving Gospel, and those people, who would come to know Jesus through the giving of the disciples, would be providing an eternal welcome for them in Heaven (Luke 16:9). In the same way, our generosity can help others come to faith and be our welcome committee.

**IF WE START TO GET TOO COMFORTABLE WITH OUR GIVING,  
COULD IT BE TIME TO PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER GIVING MORE?**

“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work” (2 Corinthians 9:8).



## *Growing in Grace – May 21<sup>st</sup> & May 24<sup>th</sup>*

<i>General Offering</i>	\$3711.00		
<i>Online Giving</i>	\$299.09		
<i>Debt Fund</i>	\$0.00		
<i>Missions</i>	\$80.00		
<i>Mortgage Fund</i>	\$0.00		
<i>Portals of Prayer</i>	\$0.00	<b>Total Attendance</b>	<b>Total Communed</b>
<i>Lutheran Schools</i>	\$0.00	30/53	75
<i>Sunday School</i>	\$0.00		
<i>Vacation Bible School</i>	\$15.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4105.09</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 week!*

Sunday	5/31	9:00am <b>10:00am</b> 10:30am	Divine Worship <b>Special Voters Meeting for Middle School Teacher Call</b> Staff Anniversary Brunch at School
Monday	6/1	-----	-----
Tuesday	6/2	7:00am 6:30pm	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (OC Diner) Stephens Ministry Meeting
Wednesday	6/3	6:30pm	Grace All Boards Meeting
Thursday	6/4	6:30pm	Divine Worship Ice Cream Social after Worship
Friday	6/5	-----	-----
Saturday	6/6	-----	-----
Sunday	6/7	9:00am	Divine Worship Ice Cream Social after Worship

## SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

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

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

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