

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 4th & 7th, 2026

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



Image: "Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." (*Matthew 9:13*)

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

WORSHIP NOTES FOR OUR GUESTS

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

Children are **always** welcome - we don't want anything to keep families from attending! From time to time a child will naturally have a difficult moment in worship. If that happens and you feel a need to step out, please make use of our church narthex and entrance, so you may still be able to follow along in worship until your child is ready to return again! If 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—"He Will Return to Us"

Today we focus on God's great love, coming to us with grace and mercy, even as He did not give up on His chosen Old Testament people. His invitation to them reminds us of the resurrection of our Lord, our hope for all eternity. He asks only the faith He has given us, faith received by our ancestor Abraham in his old age and trusted for all that God promised. God has returned to us, and the promise is for everyone! And now our Lord sends us out, accompanying us on our journey. We go not to faultless people but sinners whom God wants to forgive as we announce the gracious Gospel to them.

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 4, pg. 203

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Opening Hymn 601 All Who Believe and Are Baptized (vs. 1-2)

Stand

Confession and Absolution LSB 203

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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 50:7-10; antiphon: v. 1, read responsively)

The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and sum- | mons the earth*
from the rising of the sun to its | setting.

Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify a- | gainst you.*

I am | God, your God.

Not for your sacrifices do I re- | buke you;*

your burnt offerings are continually be- | fore me.
I will not accept a bull | from your house*
or goats | from your folds.
For every beast of the for- | est is mine,*
the cattle on a | thousand hills.

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.

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Kyrie LSB 204

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204

C 1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit

Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day *LSB 205*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading *Hosea 5:15–6:6*

(God promises to go to His people.)

¹I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me. ¹"Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. ²After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. ³Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth." ⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away. ⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. ⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual (*Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b, read responsively*)

Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,*
and his greatness is un- | searchable.

On your wondrous works, I will | meditate,*
and I will declare your | greatness.

Epistle Lesson *Romans 4:13-25*

(We are saved by the faith given to us, not our own designs.)

¹³The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” ²³But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse LSB 205

- C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Alleluia Verse for the 2nd after Pentecost—*“Alleluia. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners. Alleluia.” (Matthew 9:13b)*

Holy Gospel Matthew 9:9-13

(Jesus accepts people who know they are sinners, but He opposes those who are proud.)

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

⁹As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

¹⁰And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw this, they

said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹²But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

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

Apostles' Creed *LSB 207*

- C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life T everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Catechism Instruction (*read responsively*)—"The Ten Commandments" *LSB 264*

Sermon Hymn 689 Let Me Be Thine Forever (vs. 1-3)

Sermon "Cross Bones- The Ten Commandments" (Matt. 5:17-20)

Sermon Text: Matthew 5:17-20

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the

kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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 208*

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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *LSB 208*

- C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving *LSB 209*

- P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer *LSB 209*

- 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 209*

- 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 209*

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

Agnus Dei LSB 210

- C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
- 2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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

-915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

-602 The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

Stand

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 211*

C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.

2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

Post-Communion Collect *LSB 212*

A Let us pray. We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have not left us alone, but in this Sacrament given us the pardon and peace we need. Grant that, strengthened thereby, we may serve You in steadfast love, knowing that our Savior has won all pardon and peace for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus *LSB 212*

A Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction *LSB 212*

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

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!



WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

For all who worship this day, bless us through your Word, O Lord. 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 & 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; Chuck Mirenda (lung cancer) brother of Tony Mirenda; Marlene Voss (healing & strength); Joy Lussier (healing & strength)

For our Homebound Members at Grace: Kathy Gaudian, Bernice Byklum, Doc Medek, and Rose Adams.

We mourn with the families of Lynn Buzzell, as they grieve the recent death of her mother, Joyce Reichmann, with the family of Clare Sauer, as they mourn the death of her husband Jim Sauer, and with the family of Art Steinborn, who also was recently called home to heavenly rest. Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, in the midst of sorrow and grief, draw near to the families of *Joyce Reichmann, Art Steinborn, and Jim Sauer*, as they mourn their recent deaths. Remind them of the sure promises won for us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ: the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and salvation. Strengthen their faith as they mourn the recent death of their loved ones and give them the certain hope of the resurrection. 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:

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 6/4 6:30pm</u>	<u>Sunday 6/7 9:00am</u>
<u>Elders</u>	Adam Voss	Mike Huber
<u>Readers</u>	Mark Roettgen	Jen Lau
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Staci Sherer	Kathy Szeflinski
<u>Linens</u>	Donna Dotson	Donna Dotson
<u>Acolyte</u>		
<u>Ushers</u>	Keith Goodle	Lowell Johnson
	Jim Robinson	Ron Savarino
<u>Livestream</u>		Glenn Dotson

Rise & Sonshine Bible Study
Ladies you are all invited to join us!!

- **June 13th** 8:00 am Lake Vista Park Overlook
- **July 11th** 8:00am Boerner Botanical Gardens Walk Around (carpool will be available)
- **August 8th** 9:00am Oak Creek Farmer's Market (followed by breakfast)

In case of bad weather, we will meet at church.
Texts and emails will go out to let everyone know change of plans.

Any questions please email or text Jennifer Olen: 414.305.3740 olenjennifer@aol.com

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



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 24th through Sunday, July 5th

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>

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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 15th-19th, 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-4th Grade. Children 5th 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

To register your 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 "Peter's Restoration—and Ours" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies. Jesus forgives and restores us and He sends us out to offer this restoration to others, in His name. John 21:1-19)
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

"Remember that our Savior was born into a human household ... He is our Friend, our Brother, He will help us in our time of need, especially when we seek Him out in God's Word and fervently in prayer. As you relate to others in your home, ask God's Holy Spirit to give you wisdom in difficult situations, mercy in abundance when forgiveness is needed, and love to cover all your family's interactions." *Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, former speaker of "The Lutheran Hour" - 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.

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 4th

Sunday, June 7th

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 THE 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Catechism:

Lord's Prayer—Fifth Petition

Verse of the week:

Matthew 9:13, *“Go and learn what this means, “I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.”
For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”*

Psalm of the week:

Psalm 119:65-72 (antiphon vs. 65)

Hymn of the week:

LSB 689 “Let Me Be Thine Forever”

Bible Readings for the Week:

Sunday

Pentecost 2: The Call of the Tax Collector—Matthew 9:9-13

Monday

You Shall Not Murder—Matthew 5:21-26

Tuesday

You Shall Not Commit Adultery—Matthew 5:27-32

Wednesday

You Shall Not Give False Testimony—Matthew 5:33-37

Thursday

St. Barnabas, Apostle: Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3

Friday

Love Your Enemies—Matthew 5:38-48

Saturday

The Lord's Prayer—Matthew 6:1-18

Stewardship Minute The subject of money is repeatedly addressed in Scripture. In both the Old and New Testaments, people struggled with money in much the same way that we do today. An important question then and now is, "Whose money is it?" How we answer that question regarding ownership is pivotal in our lives. Are we acknowledging God's ownership and control? Do we see ourselves as stewards, not owners? As God's stewards, we realize that all things, including our money, are owned by God and are to be used for His purpose. We are expected to manage money wisely and prudently as well as have a proper attitude and relationship toward money.

Firstfruits or priority giving expresses the special relationship that we have with Jesus.

"The best of the firstfruits of your [income] you shall bring into the house of the Lord your God" (Exodus 23:19).



Growing in Grace –May 28th & May 31st

<i>General Offering</i>	\$2410.00		
<i>Online Giving</i>	\$1448.87		
<i>Debt Fund</i>	\$0.000		
<i>Missions</i>	\$220.00		
<i>Mortgage Fund</i>	\$85.00		
<i>Portals of Prayer</i>	\$0.00	<i>Total Attendance</i>	<i>Total Communed</i>
<i>Lutheran Schools</i>	\$0.00	28/93	91
<i>Sunday School</i>	\$0.00		
<i>Vacation Bible School</i>	\$40.00		
<i>Total</i>	\$4203.87		

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

Opportunities at Grace this week!

Sunday	6/7	9:00am	Divine Worship Ice Cream Social after Worship
Monday	6/8	-----	-----
Tuesday	6/9	7:00am	Men’s Bible Study & Breakfast (OC Diner)
Wednesday	6/10	6:30pm	Grace Council Meeting
Thursday	6/11	6:30pm	Divine Worship
Friday	6/12	-----	-----
Saturday	6/13	8:00	Rise & Sonshione Bible Study
Sunday	6/14	9:00am	Divine Worship

SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

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

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

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