

**RESURRECTION OF
OUR LORD**



APRIL 5, 2026

Welcome to Grace

We give thanks that you have come to worship with us at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, and pray that you will receive God's awesome GRACE, mercy and love as we receive Word and Sacrament, the means of grace!

We invite our guests and visitors to worship with us often! If you will, we invite guests to take a welcome bag at the Welcome Desk to learn more about Grace and fill out a Welcome Form in the bulletin or at the Welcome Desk to let us know you were worshipping with us today. Visitor/Member Information sheets may be returned to the pastor, an usher, or placed in the offering.

The complete worship service is contained in this worship folder. Large print worship folders and Busy Bags for our very young worshipers are available from the ushers! We love having children in worship! Should parents have need of nursery during worship, our professionally staffed nursery for childcare is available. Please see an usher for directions.

Our worship space is equipped with a hearing assistance system to accommodate those with hearing difficulties. Please ask the sound technician (at the rear left of the worship space) for a receiver, if desired. Printed copies of the sermon are available at the ushers table in the entry-way, if desired.

Please remember to turn off or silence personal communication devices. We ask that you not bring food or drink into the worship space.

In accordance with the Biblical mandate and our Lutheran tradition, we seek to worship God "in Spirit and in truth...for these the Father seeks to worship him!" (John 4:23-24). If you are not familiar with liturgical worship, it is "the work of the people," as God speaks, the ministers speak and the congregation responds in a spoken, chanted and sung dialogue! Everything in our worship is focused on God and His incarnate, embodied presence in our midst! We pray that you will experience the Word made flesh as we worship today!

To establish and maintain a spirit of reverence, we remind worshipers to please greet one another and fellowship in the gathering space before entering the sanctuary, where others will be preparing their hearts and minds for worship. We appreciate your understanding!

Little Lambs Children's Ministry is available at either worship service, after the Gospel reading for children ages 3 through third grade During Little Lambs Children's Ministry children and their leader go to the Nursery to enjoy age appropriate Biblically-oriented activities during the Sermon, creed and prayers. They return during the offering to join us for Holy communion! This gives little ones a Bible break during the service, while allowing parents to focus on the sermon!

We invite you to learn more about our congregation at www.grace43081.org and the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) at www.thenalc.org!

PRELUDE

"Easter Rejoicing" - *arr. Todd Marchand*

"Easter Fantasy on Ancient Hymns" - *arr. Sondra K. Tucker*

Brass Quintet and Timpani
Brass Quintet, Timpani and Organ

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.** (*1 John 1: 8-9*)

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P Merciful Father,
C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
(*John 20: 23*)
C **Amen.**

Rite for the Lighting of the Paschal Candle

P May the Light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.
C **Thanks be to God.**

The Paschal Candle is lighted.

P Receive, O Holy Father, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which the Church lays before you in the solemn offering of this Paschal Candle. We sing the glories of this pillar of fire, the brightness of which is not diminished, even when its light is divided and borrowed. (*Processional candles are lighted from the Paschal Candle.*) For it is fed by the melting wax which the bees, your

servants, have made for the substance of this candle. We pray to you, O Lord, that this candle, burning to the honor of your name, will vanquish all darkness, and be mingled with the lights of heaven. May He who is the Morning Star find it burning--that Morning Star which never sets, that Morning Star which, rising again from the grave, faithfully sheds light on all the human race.

C Thanks be to God.

P Rejoice now, all heavenly choirs of angels, and celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation; and, for the victory of so great a King, sound the trumpet of salvation. Exult also, O earth, enlightened with such radiance; and made brilliant by the splendor of the eternal King, know that the ancient darkness has been banished from all the world. Be glad, also, O mother Church, clothed with the brightness of such a light, and let this house resound with the triumphant voices of your people.

C Thanks be to God.

P May the Light of Christ, rising in glory,
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Please turn toward the Processional Cross for the Entrance Hymn.

ENTRANCE HYMN

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav' n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

The Liturgy of The Word

THE INVITATORY AND APOSTOLIC GREETING

P Christ is risen!

C **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. (*2 Corinthians 13:14*)

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Ⓑ **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Ⓐ For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



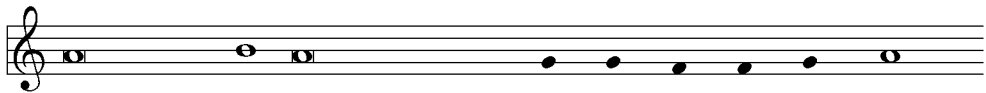
☩ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



☩ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **☩ Lord, have mer - cy.**



☩ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **☩ A - men**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Worthy is Christ” (Revelation 5:9-12)



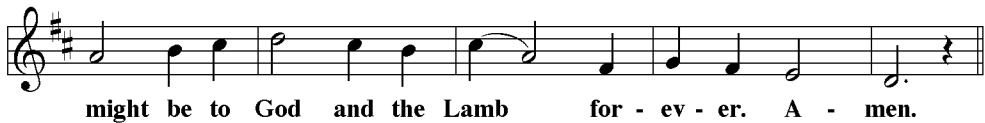
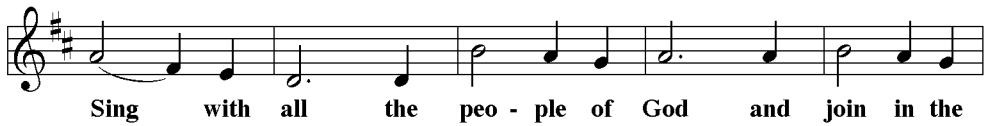
☩ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



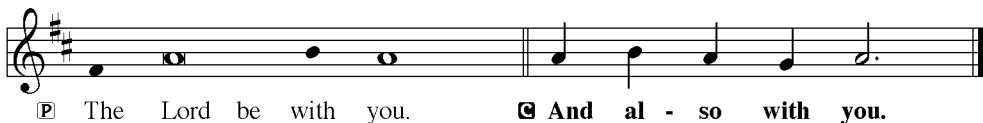
☩ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis-dom and



PRAYER OF THE DAY



P Let us pray.
Almighty God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with Him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16

Refrain



In your pres - ence there is full - ness of joy.

Psalm Tone



L ¹Protect me, O God, for I take ref- | uge in you;
I have said to the LORD, “You are my LORD, my good a- | bove all other.”

C ²**All my delight is upon the godly that are | in the land,
upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.**

L ³But those who run after | other gods
shall have their troubles | multiplied.

C ⁴**Their libations of blood I | will not offer,
nor take the names of their gods up- | on my lips. Refrain**

L ⁵O LORD, you are my portion | and my cup;
it is you who up- | hold my lot.

C ⁶**My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;
indeed, I have a | goodly heritage.**

L ⁷I will bless the LORD who | gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me, night | after night.

C ⁸**I have set the LORD al- | ways before me;
because he is at my right hand I | shall not fall. Refrain**

L ⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;
my body also shall | rest in hope.

C ¹⁰For you will not abandon me | to the grave,
nor let your holy one | see the Pit.

L ¹¹You will show me the | path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

Refrain

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE (*John 6:68*)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

EASTER STORY TIME/LITTLE LAMBS

Molly King

At this time, Easter Story Time/Little Lambs Children's Ministry is available for children ages 3 through third grade at both services after the Gospel reading. The children leave the sanctuary with the teacher and enjoy an age appropriate Biblically oriented lesson and activity. They return during the offering to join us for Holy Communion.

SERMON: "With Fear and Great Joy!"

The Rev. Dr. David Wendel

After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst, but Christ their le - gions
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, he ris - es glo - rious
4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you, from death's sting free your

tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!



THE NICENE CREED

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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life,
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
Who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe in one holy catholic 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.

THE PRAYERS

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition:

A Lord, in your mercy;
C Hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Remember in our prayers... Twyla Ridder, Jennifer Rockwood, Don Melick, Tom Zawodny, Ernestine Dietz, Betty Milner, Amy Seifert Unkefer, Rod Rice, Sue Ross, Mary Ross, Jim Ross, The family of Mary Cooney

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. (*Matthew 5: 22-24; John 20: 19*)

C **And also with you.**

You may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

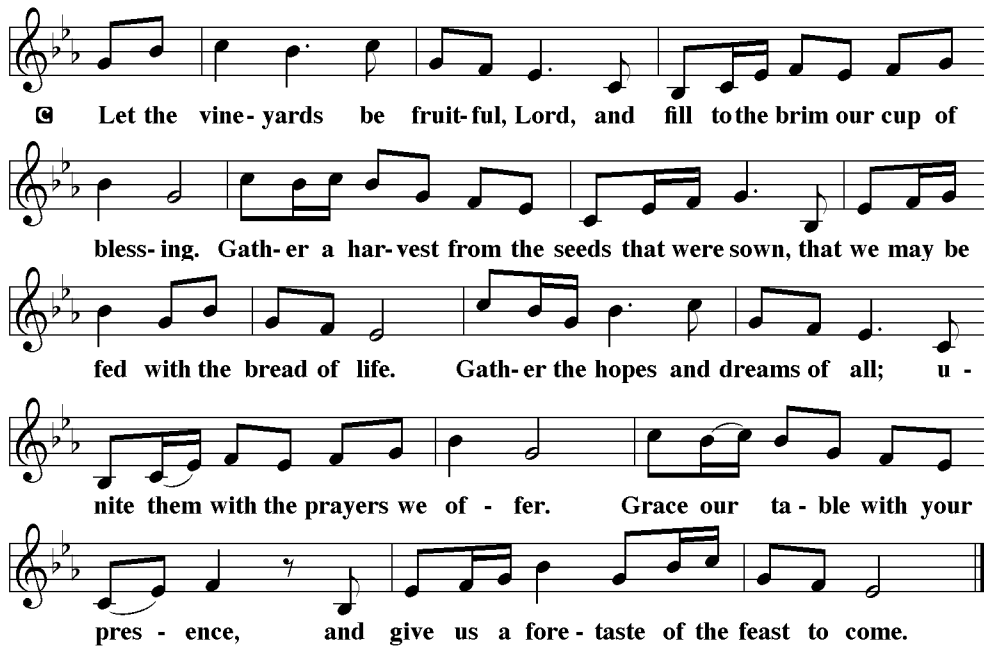
Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE MEAL

MUSICAL OFFERING "Raise Your Joys and Triumphs High" - arr. Mary McDonald
Grace Singers Chancel Choir and Joyful Voices Youth Choir with Brass, Timpani, Organ and Piano

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

THE OFFERTORY



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Blessed are you,

C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(2 Timothy 4: 22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136)

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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 indeed right and salutary . . . *The Presider continues with the preface, concluding:...*we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS (Isaiah 6: 3; Matthew 21: 9)

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations.
You rescued Israel, your chosen people.
Through the prophets you renewed your promise;
and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son,
who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

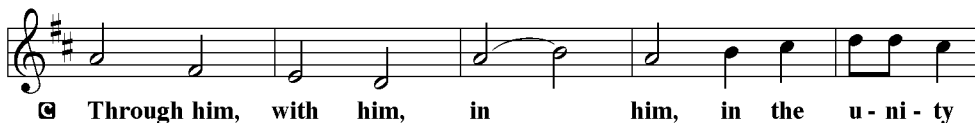
P Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection,
that we who receive the Lord's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.



of the Ho-ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is
yours, al-might-y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6: 9-13*)

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD/THE FRACTION

A time of silence...

P Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. (*1 Corinthians 5: 6-8*)

C Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

LAMB OF GOD (*John 1: 29*)

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

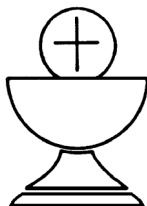
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS



All who are baptized, have received the Lord's Supper and believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine that become our Lord's Body and Blood, are welcome to commune. Children or adults who do not commune are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing!

The Lord's sacramental Blood is available in individual glasses and common cup. As the communion assistants approach, simply indicate which you prefer by a nod of the head or pointing to individual cups or chalice. Grape juice is available in the center ring of each tray. Please place empty individual glasses in the basket provided to either side of the altar area. Gluten-free hosts are available for those who require them. Indicate your preference to the minister administering the hosts.

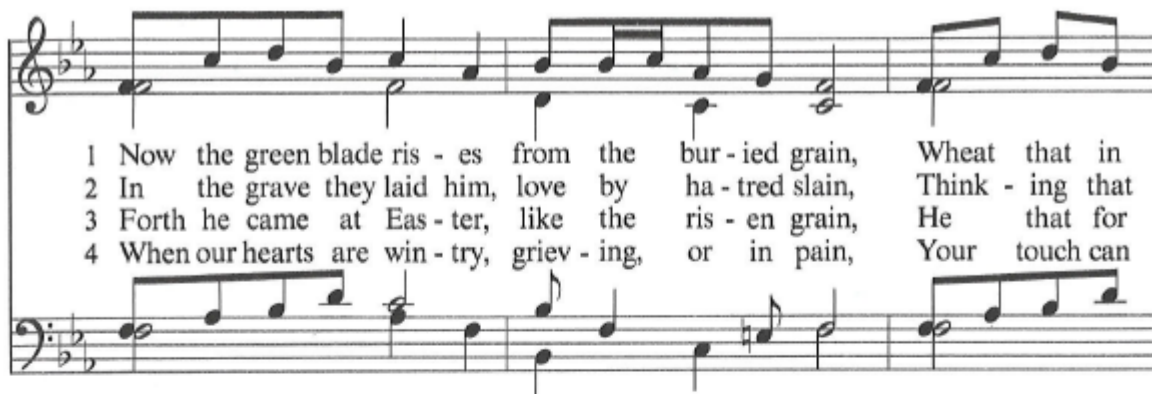
Private prayer before receiving Holy Communion:

O merciful Lord, I do not presume to come to your Table, trusting in my own righteousness, but in your many and great mercies. I am not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose will it is always to have mercy. Make me, I pray you, worthy now to receive this Holy Communion. Grant me, gracious Lord, so to consume the very Body and Blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ in this Holy Sacrament, that He may evermore dwell in me, and I in Him, that my sinful body may be made clean by His Body, and my soul washed through His most precious Blood. Amen.

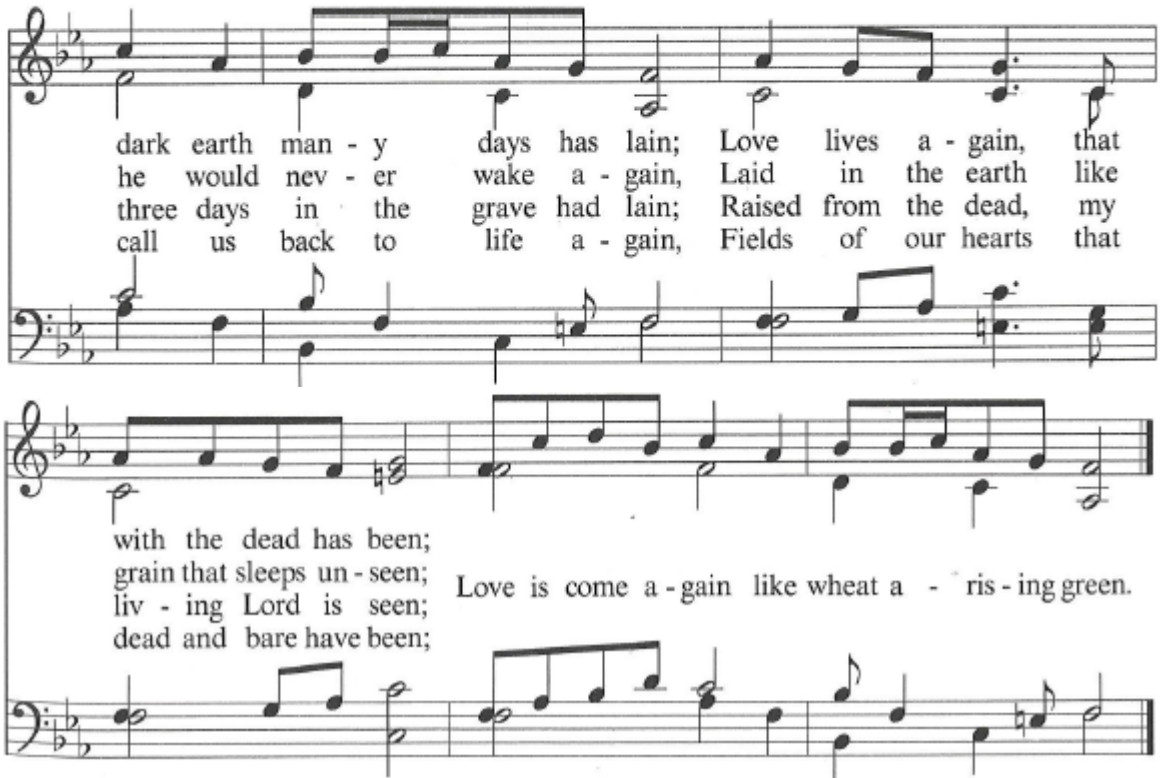
Private prayer after receiving Holy Communion:

Almighty God, you provide the true Bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that as I have received the Sacrament of His Body and Blood, He may abide in me, and I in Him, and that all who have received may be filled with the power of His endless life. By your grace, help me to walk worthy of my calling, and to learn to bring glory to your name in all things. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN "Now the Green Blade Rises"



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain, Wheat that in
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain, Think - ing that
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain, He that for
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain, Your touch can



dark earth man - y days has lain; Love lives a - gain, that
 he would nev - er wake a - gain, Laid in the earth like
 three days in the grave had lain; Raised from the dead, my
 call us back to life a - gain, Fields of our hearts that
 with the dead has been;
 grain that sleeps un - seen; Love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.
 liv - ing Lord is seen;
 dead and bare have been;

COMMUNION HYMN

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks" - *arr. Robert Train Adams*

"Because He Lives" - *William Gaither/ arr. Fred Bock*

After all have communed, please stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

SENDING OF OUR CARE TEAM

P Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your Word and sacrament with those who are sick or homebound. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION *(Numbers 6: 24-26)*

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

♩ A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN "Now All the Vault of Heave Resounds"

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re-sounds In praise of love that
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, There - fore our heart with
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt-less love; Set heart and will on
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And with the heav'n - ly

still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 things a - bove That we con - quer through your tri - umph;
 bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!"

Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song
 Now still he comes to give us life And by his pres-
 Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day That by our lives
 Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, To Spir - it blest,

of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 most ho - ly God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE RITE OF SENDING

Children Go in peace, serve the Lord!
 C **Thanks be to God.**
 P Christ is risen!
 C **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

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Brass Quintet and Organ

Offering: An offering plate will be placed by the baptismal font for offerings to be presented during the offering procession. Offerings may be placed in the plate before or after the service.



On Wednesday, April 1 we celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Miki Clark. This adult daughter of God is sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.



First Communion

Three Grace youth received instruction for First Communion Saturday, March 21 and expressed their desire to join us as we gathered around the Lord's table during Holy Week. We celebrate with them and their families during this special time:

*Alaina Arreguin
Rina French
Sam Nickoli*

Flowers are given by...

Steve and Sue Mahrt in celebration of our wedding anniversary.

Vanessa Stewart in memory of husband Ric's passing one year ago, March 29.

Lisa Kuhar in honor of Granddaughter Remi Kuhar's birthday.

Jean and Jim Claflin in honor of Great-granddaughter Harper Jean's 2nd birthday.



Thank you!

Thank you to all who served, planned, organized, set-up, prepared meals, preformed, purchased flowers, attended, and provided support during Lent and Holy Week!

Happy Easter! Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

WELCOME, GUESTS! We welcome you as our guest in our church home and invite you to continue to worship with us. We invite guests to take a welcome bag at the Welcome Desk to learn more about Grace and fill out a Welcome Form and place it in the offering or hand it to an usher to let us know you were worshipping with us today.

WELCOME



Scan to *Simply Give*

This QR code connects you to the mobile version of Grace's online giving page to give you a quick and easy way to access our giving without having to type out a long web address. Through this link, you can create a one-time or on-going donation and to specify where you want your gift to be applied. **It's easy, fast, and secure.** If you're able, we also encourage you to set up recurring giving. You can now give:

- online <https://grace-evangelical-luther.subspla.sh/87gkvf2>,
- through the app (<https://subsplash.com/grace-evangelical-luther/app>) or
- Scan the QR code to *Simply Give* today.

Financial Update: If you would like a copy of the full monthly Treasurer's report as presented to Council, please reach out to the Treasurer, Jim Caldwell and it will be emailed to you.

Mid-Week Lenten Service, March 25: 12:15pm: 20; 7:00pm: 20; total: 40
Palm/Passion Sunday, March 29: 8:15: 102; 11:00: 136; total: 238

MUSIC NOTES

“Easter Rejoicing” – arr. Todd Marchand

This piece is a medley of three hymns:

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” - This hymn was written for a Diocesan Festival in Peterborough Cathedral in 1865. Based on Psalm 20:4, Psalm 147:1, and Philippians 4:4, it is a call for all to rejoice.

“Rejoice, the Lord is King” – This hymn was written by Charles Wesley (1707-1788) for the theme of Easter, where Christ reigns victorious over sin and death. The refrain is based on Philippians 4:4 (“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.”)

“Thine is the Glory” – The French hymn was written to be sung to the chorus “See, the conquering hero comes” from *Judas Maccabaeus*, an oratorio composed by George F. Handel at the suggestion of the Prince of Wales.

“Easter Fantasy on Ancient Hymns” – arr. Sondra K. Tucker

This arrangement for Brass and Organ is a medley of two Easter hymns:

“Now the Green Blade Rises” - John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958) was requested by the editors of the famous *Oxford Book of Carols* to write an Easter text to be sung to the French medieval carol tune, *Noël Nouvelet*. The theme of Crum’s text is the unquenchable and unkillable nature of love. Just as wheat dies in the ground, it rises to new life just as Christ was slain but rose from the grave. Springtime thus becomes a symbol of the Easter story.

“Christ is arisen” – This anonymous tune (*Christ ist erstanden*) from c. 1100 is the oldest of five sequences still in use in the Roman Catholic church, and was the basis for the beginnings of liturgical drama. The text and tune were favorites of Martin Luther.

“Raise Your Joys and Triumphs High” – arr. Mary McDonald

This piece is an arrangement of the hymn “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today.” Entitled “Hymn for Easter Day by its author, Charles Wesley, it was first included in *Hymns and Sacred Poems* (1739). It was altered and published in Martin Madan’s *Collection of Psalms and Hymns* (1760), a famous volume that influenced English hymnals for more than 100 years.

“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks” – arr. Robert Train Adams

Donald Fishel wrote both the words and music of this hymn. Fishel, who grew up nominally Methodist, was baptized in 1970 when he became a Roman Catholic. The refrain and stanzas 1, 2, 4 and 5 came to him spontaneously during a time of prayer in the summer of 1971 when he was living in a guest house of a Roman Catholic community, the Word of God, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Stanza 3 was added in the autumn of 1971 as he reflected on his own baptism.

“Because He Lives” – William Gaither/ arr. Fred Bock

First released on October 18, 1971, “Because He Lives” is one of the most popular songs written by the Gospel Music Hall of Fame members Bill and Gloria Gaither. In 2021, it celebrated its 50th anniversary. “I am still surprised that the song had such universal appeal,” stated Gloria. “It was so personal, I thought it might be just for us. It was the end of the ‘60s when it seemed the whole world was falling apart. In such a chaotic time, we were expecting our third baby. During

this pregnancy Bill and I asked ourselves who would bring a baby into a world like this? It was easy to feel fearful for his future. We came to realize that we don't get married, make a home, have babies and go about our lives because the world is stable. When has it ever been stable? We live our lives with confidence because the Resurrection is true. We held our son and said, 'We can do this. We can raise this child in this unstable world because of the power of life. Life wins! And because our Lord is alive, we can trust Him with our future.'"

“Celebration Fanfare” – Charles Callahan

Charles Callahan (b. September 27, 1951) is a native of Cambridge, Massachusetts. He is an award-winning composer, organist, choral conductor, pianist, and teacher who graduated from The Curtis Institute of Music, Philadelphia, PA and The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. His compositions are frequently performed in churches and in concert. He is an active church musician and concert organist and was recently honored by the American Guild of Organists in 2014 with their Distinguished Artist award, "for his illustrious career as composer, performer, teacher and consultant, and his lifelong service to the sacred music profession." This arrangement was originally published as an organ solo that Callahan later arranged for Brass Quartet and Organ.

Serving Today

PREACHER/ OFFICIATING	The Rev. Dr. David Wendel
COMMISSIONED LAY MINISTER	Molly King
ASSISTING MINISTER	8:15 Jim Caldwell 11:00 Andrea Bush
ORGANIST	Linda Hoch
SACRISTAN	Fred Pfanz
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Dr. Helen Kang
BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR	Maria Laderman
BRASS QUINTET	Abbey Zunic - Trumpet Ava Diederich - Trumpet Lucia Cherek - Trombone Christopher Hoch - Trombone Lucas Snouffer - Tuba Benny Hoch - Timpani
LECTOR	8:15 Pam Cooper 11:00 Chris Hoch
CANTOR	Nami Clark
ACOLYTE	8:15 Lauren Place, Maggie Hoch, Philip Young 11:00 Emily Odum, Maggie Hoch, Philip Young
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	8:15 Chris Banks, Paul Whitacre 11:00 Tom Seamon, Tami Stone
USHERS	8:15 Lisa Kuhar, Kathy Haegele, Vanessa Stewart, Shirley Hodek 11:00 Jim Monroe, Eric Bush, Gregg Rearick
LITTLE LAMBS/ EASTER STORYTIME	8:15 Molly King 11:00 Molly King, Amy Quinn
CARE TEAM	Joanne Figge, Susan Miller, Janet Breen, Tami Stone, Coleen Wooster, Vanessa Stewart, Cindy Odum, Christine Troutman, Sue Monroe, Margery Zimmermann, Paul Whitacre, Peggy Jones, Marge Cepek, Eloise Collier, Donna Dettmann, Shirley Hodek, Charlotte Schaller, Bill Kulju
NURSERY ATTENDANTS	Kaitlyn F., Donna P.
ALTAR GUILD	Team 1- Linda Seamon, Cheryl Bush, Andrea Bush, Jean Claflin, Dorothy Crain, Denise Reynard, Barb and Tom Moser, Ruth Osborn, Jaya Koppera
SOUND TECHNICIANS	Chris Banks, Eric Bush, Dan George, Paul Grant, Brice Graves

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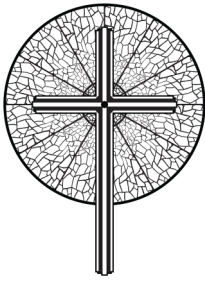
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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church has been serving the Westerville community for more than 115 years, supporting local ministries such as the Westerville Area Resource Ministry, Westerville Partnership Habitat for Humanity, and Westerville CROP Walk. Grace also provides weekly meeting space for five AA groups.

Vision Statement: We envision Grace to be a welcoming Christ-centered community of faith, inviting all, growing in discipleship, sharing in ministries.

Mission Statement: Our mission is to reach out with the love of Jesus to grow disciples and serve our community.



This Week at Grace: April 5-12, 2026

Amazing God-- Amazing Grace-- Amazing Worship!

April 5	EASTER SUNDAY Services at 8:15 and 11 AM <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Traditional Worship and Lord's Supper• Organ, Brass Ensemble and Chancel Choir• Children's Easter Story-time• Easter Continental Breakfast between services• Professionally-staffed Nursery• Turn in Lenten Offering boxes to support WARM's Bac a Pac program
MON	1:00 pm Katherine Circle
TUES	8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
WED.	10:30 am Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 pm Grace Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 pm Grace Singers Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Rose Garden 2&3) 7:30 pm Scioto Valley B&PC Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
THURS	9:15 am BSF Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 1:00 pm Art and Environment (Loaves and Fishes) 7:30 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
FRI.	8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
SAT	9:30 am AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 1:30 pm Funeral: Bill Muller (Sanctuary) 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
April 12	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/CONFIRMATION 8:15 am Worship Service 9:40 am Sunday School and Confirmation 9:45 am Adult Learning (Fellowship Hall) 11:00 am Worship Service/Confirmation 5:00 pm Lakeside Village HOA (Fellowship Hall)

Date	Upcoming Events
April 11 (Sat)	1:30pm- Funeral Bill Muller
April 11 (Sat)	Game Day Cancelled– Will be rescheduled
April 12 (Sun)	Confirmation
April 12 (Sun)	Secret Sister Forms Due
April 18 (Sat)	Hustle for Habitat 5K – Hoff Woods Park
April 19 (Sun)	Secret Sister Gathering After Second Service
April 25 (Sat)	11am- Funeral Pete Otteson
April 26 (Sun)	Columbus Fury Event
May 3 (Sun)	MS & HS Lunch Club
May 17 (Sun)	OWL Reveal Party
May 30 (Sat)	Westerville Putt Putt
July 12–16	Vacation Bible School – Rainforest Falls

**Visits with Pastor David
Tuesday, April 14, 6-8 PM**

Do you have something you'd like to ask or discuss with Pastor Wendel? Would you like to connect? Tuesday, April 14 th 6-8 PM, Pastor will have 30 minute appointments available for anyone interested in signing up. This is your time to talk about whatever you wish!

This serves as a reminder that Pastor David is available any time to visit with you, either at church, in your home or wherever is comfortable, at a time which is convenient for you! Don't hesitate to email or text Pastor Wendel to arrange a time other than the regularly scheduled evening of visits!



New Online Giving Website

April 1, 2026, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church moved online giving from Vanco to Subsplash. If you need assistance, contact Debbie Yoho in the church office at 614-882-3026 or d.yoho@grace43081.org. Giving by cash, check, bill pay continue to be options as well to participate in giving. Thank you for your faithful generosity and support of Grace's ministry!

Service Recording: The recorded 8:15am service will be available at www.grace43081.org around 11am.



2025 End-of-Year Giving Statements were emailed out January 28. If no email is on file or if you have requested a paper copy, you should soon receive a statement in the mail if you haven't already. Questions? Contact Debbie Yoho, 614-882-3026 or finance@grace43081.org.



Loaves and Fishes café is OPEN! Please stop in between services for a drink and a snack! There is a sign-up sheet in the café if you are interested in helping. Please call Vanessa Stewart with any questions or concerns.

Little Lambs Children's Ministry serves children ages 3 through 3rd grade, providing a fun, age-appropriate Bible lesson during the 8:15 AM and 11:00 AM worship service. Children leave after the Gospel reading and return during the offering for Holy Communion. **We are currently seeking caring and committed leaders to help guide our Little Lambs each Sunday at our 11:00 AM service.** If you enjoy working with children and sharing God's love in a meaningful way, we'd love to have you join the team! For more information or to volunteer, please contact Molly King.

**HELP
WANTED**

CHRISTIAN GROWTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vision Statement: To nurture Youth and Family in Christ through Bible based teaching, music, activities and community outreach.

Youth & Family Sunday Morning and Worship Resources

We are excited to support families and help children grow in faith! Here's how we welcome and care for your family Sunday mornings and during worship:



Nursery Care: For infants through age 6

- ☐ Enjoy worship, Adult Learning or fellowship in the Loaves and Fishes café while your little ones are lovingly cared for.
- ☐ Pagers available for parents – we'll page you if needed.

Busy Bags: Keep little hands busy during the service!

- ☐ Age-appropriate books and activities.
- ☐ Located on the coat tree by the entrance to the sanctuary.



Children's Bulletins

- ☐ Engaging bulletins with activities that follow the lectionary.
- ☐ Available at the usher's table.

Little Lambs Children's Ministry

- ☐ For ages 3 through 3rd grade

Children leave worship after the Gospel reading for a fun, age-appropriate Bible lesson and return during the offering for Holy Communion.

- ☐ Available at **both worship services.**

Sunday School

- ☐ Every Sunday, 9:40 – 10:30 AM, September 7 – Memorial Day

Weekend

- ☐ Classes for Preschool through High School
- ☐ Adult class also available



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church is committed to helping young people and families grow in faith and community. Contact Molly King, m.king@grace43081.org, 614-882-3026

Youth and Family Events

- April 11, Game Day Cancelled-To Be Rescheduled
- April 12, Confirmation
- April 18, Rock Painting for WARM
- April 26, Columbus Fury, 2pm
- May 3, MS & HS Lunch Club
- May 17, OWL Reveal Party
- May 30, Westerville Putt Putt
- June 27, Family Movie Night



- July 12-16, Vacation Bible School program Rainforest Falls, Exploring the Nature of God
- July 26, Lunch Club
- August 8, Day at the park
- August 14 Clippers Game
- September 12, Columbus Crew soccer game
- September 13, Rally Day



Our next Youth and Family event is to attend a Columbus Fury professional women's volleyball game. The game is Sunday, April 26 at 2:00. Columbus Fury is playing San Diego Mojo. The tickets are \$30. Sign up at the Welcome Center or email Molly (m.king@grace43081.org)

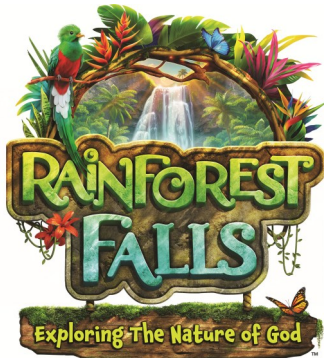


On Saturday, April 18th, 12 to 3 we will be painting rocks in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided and you can come and go as you need. You do not need to stay all three hours. We need to get our rocks done by April 24th. Sign up at the Welcome Center or email Molly (m.king@grace43081.org)

SAVE THE DATE

This year our VBS program is Rainforest Falls, Exploring the Nature of God.

Our program is July 12-16.



COLLECTING ITEMS FOR VBS

I know it's early to start collecting donations but our program recommends we collect these things early to make sure we have enough. We will be creating a rainforest. **The items we would like to start collecting for our rainforest are twinkling white lights, green paper and green plastic table clothes.** There is a bin in the gathering space for donations.

If you have any questions let Molly King know.



Grace Ringers Bell Choir rehearsal is Wednesday at 6:00pm. Contact Maria Laderman.

Grace Chancel Choir rehearsal is Wednesday at 7:00pm! All are welcome! Contact Helen Kang.

Joyful Voices Youth Choir rehearsal schedule: contact Helen Kang.

BIBLE STUDIES

- **NEW Adult Education class:** Please consider joining the adult bible study for a new study entitled "Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table". In this video Bible study, bestselling author and pastor Louie Giglio unpacks Psalm 23 to offer insight into how to overcome the enemy's lies and find peace and spiritual security in any circumstance. This study is facilitated by Bill Kulju and will begin on **March 1** in the fellowship hall at 9:45am.
- **Band of Brothers:** Our monthly Bible study and fellowship group for younger men/working men, will be Monday, April 15, 6:30 PM. We have one chapter remaining in the Tony Dungy book on being men in today's world.

- **Grace Sisterhood's** next meeting is **April 13 at 7pm at The Hoover Bar and Kitchen**. We will continue meeting the 2nd Monday of each month (so mark your new 2026 calendars so you can join in the fellowship). We will be starting a new Bible Study, "Women and Identity" by Adele Ahlberg Calhoun & Tracey D Bianchi. All younger/working women of the congregation (and friends!) are invited and welcome! Contact: Melissa Hodek
- **Katharine Circle** will meet **Monday, April 6 at 1 p.m.** at church to continue our study, "Ambidextrous Christianity." Dorothy Crain will lead Session 6,.Come and join us for study and fellowship! Call Dorothy Crain, 614-264-5304, with questions.
- **Men of Grace Bible Study:** All men of Grace Lutheran Church (and friends!) —next meeting **Saturday, April 18, 8 AM** in the Loaves and Fishes Cafe. We continue the study of the Gospel of Luke! Pastor Wendel facilitates the study. Join us for breakfast, study and fellowship.



Monday Night Bible Study of Romans, begins Monday, April 13, 6:30 PM! As a young monk, Martin Luther struggled with his own sinfulness, leading to his search for a truly gracious, forgiving God. As Luther's confessor and Father Superior at the Augustinian monastery in Erfurt, Johann von Staupitz believed Luther's inner angst would be relieved by his study of Holy Scripture. Staupitz sent young Father Martin to study at the University of Wittenberg, Germany. In his studies, Luther continually questioned the phrase, "the righteousness of God," Romans 1:17. Habakkuk 2:4, that "The just shall live by faith," opened Luther's eyes to a new, more complete understanding of Romans 1:17, resulting in his conviction that the Bible proclaims that we are saved by faith in Jesus

Christ alone! Finally, Luther came to cherish Paul's Epistle to the Romans as above all other New Testament books, as it proclaimed the "purest Gospel." Luther recommended that Romans should be known by heart and studied daily!

As Monday evening Bible Study resumes, Pastor Wendel will lead us in a study of Paul's Letter to the Romans, beginning April 13, 6:30 PM. If you have hoped for a fuller grasp of Luther and the Lutheran understanding of "justification by grace through faith," or you would like to refresh what you learned years ago, this study of Romans is for you! Please sign-up at the Welcome Desk at church!

- **Ruth Circle** will meet in Rose Garden Room #1 on **Monday, April 13 at 1:00 p.m.** We will be discussing our study series on Life's Challenges. All are welcome.
- **Wednesday Women's Bible** is studying "The Promise and Power of Easter" By Christine Caine and Lisa Harper. This is a 4 week Bible study of the Lenten season taking in the details of Jesus' life, the agony of His death, and the overwhelming joy of His resurrection. Join us **Wednesday mornings at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall!** You will be warmly welcomed! Interested contact Molly King.

OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Our next Red Cross Blood Drive is Tuesday, May 19 from noon-6pm: You can schedule an appointment by

contacting the Red Cross at RedCrossBlood.org and use our sponsor code: GraceLuthWesterville or call 1-800-Red Cross. Questions? Vanessa Stewart

FIRST FRUITS SUNDAYS Let all that you do be done in love”. (1 Corinthians 16:14) March Most Needed list:

- Canned Fruit, Pasta & Tomatoes
- Cereal
- Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo, BBQ sauce)
- Dishwasher detergent
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Paper Products (Paper Towels, Toilet Paper)
- Pudding & Jello Mix



We cannot accept food that has reached its expiration date. Any fresh produce, baked goods and dairy products take directly to Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM). Make Checks Payable to: Grace Lutheran Church, memo notation for WARM. Blessings to all who are making this a part of your regular tithes and offerings.

Hustle for Habitat 5K – April 18: Join us for the Second Annual Hustle for Habitat 5K on Saturday, April 18 at 9:00 a.m. at Hoff Woods Park in Westerville! This fun run/walk supports Westerville Habitat Partnership and their work with Habitat for Humanity of Delaware and Union Counties. All are welcome—run or walk at your own pace! Finisher medals will be given to all participants (no timed awards). *Joanne will be available after worship on Sunday, April 12 to help with registration and answer questions.* Register and learn more: <https://www.westervillehabitatpartnership.org/events> Come be part of this meaningful event and help support affordable housing in our community!



April 18, 2026 at Hoff Woods Park in Westerville

Become a 2026-2027 Grace Ambassador: Reach out to the community with the love of Jesus and help us to grow disciples! As a Grace Ambassador, you will have opportunities to attend community events to be the presence of Grace. Greet people, give them printed materials to invite them to events, and love on them. Opportunities to serve will be emailed to you to review and to decide if you could sign up to participate. The Farmer’s Markets are our first outreach event this year. **Sign-up at the welcome desk. Questions: Outreach and Visibility Team: Joanne Figge, Ellen Paulus, or Sarah Odum**



Who is an Intercessor? From Donna Dettmann

Quite simply, intercessory prayer is the act of praying on behalf of others.



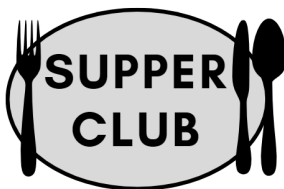
Any Christian becomes an intercessor in prayer since it’s offered to God through and by Christ. Jesus closed the gap between us and God when He died on the cross. Because of Jesus’ mediation, we all can now intercede in prayer, on behalf of other Christians, asking God to grant their requests.

All Christians have the Holy Spirit in their hearts; therefore, the Holy Spirit intercedes for us in accordance with God’s will and we are to intercede for one another. “. . . the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.” (Romans 8:26-27 NIV)

Let the Intercessory Prayer Team join you in prayer asking God for your need.

1. Use the Prayer Chest is at the back of the church - on the table with prayer request forms and pens.
2. You can also use the Grace website: grace43081.org (The link for "Prayer Request" is found under "More" on the top right-hand side of the first page.) Your name is optional. IPT members are sent prayer requests to pray daily for 2 weeks and your confidentiality is important to us.

HOSPITALITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



On March 19, Grace Supper Club dined at MiaMar Grill in Westerville and had a wonderful evening of fellowship together. In April we have a reservation at P. F. Chang's on Thursday, April 16 for 6:15 p.m. P.G. Chang's is located at 4040 Townsfair Way, Columbus 43219 at Easton. In order for us to have an accurate headcount, we ask that you sign up in advance and include the total number in your party. A sign up sheet is available at the Welcome Center Desk. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!** Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Any questions, please see either Bev Grubb or Tami Stone.



The Euchre group will meet Monday, April 27, 1pm– A sign-up sheet is at the welcome desk. If you sign-up and need to cancel close to the group's meeting, please reach out to Lois Rumph or Karen Bale.



Secret Sisters (Current Sisters and Potential New Sisters) Reveal Spring Fling: It is time for our Spring Fling Reveal Party. **It will be held on April 19 right after the 11:00 service in the Rose Garden Rooms.** At this time will get to meet and thank our Secret Sisters for the past year. So, save your final gift to your sister for that day. **New sisters are welcome to join us for our Spring Fling for some great fellowship and to nosh on a**

light lunch. We will also get our new sisters assigned on this day. If you are planning on attending the Spring Fling, please RSVP to denise.reynard@rocketmail.com.

Please watch out for the Secret Sister forms to complete and leave them in the box. We are asking if you are interested in signing up that you complete and turn in the form **no later than April 12, 2026.**

As far as the new year is concerned, there are plans in the making for at least three luncheons. I was thinking a chili cook off for those who make killer chili in September, in December a sugar cooking decorating luncheon (we can take them home with us) and then in April the reveal. I may slide one in for the summer, a movie afternoon, but honestly, I have not gotten too far into the planning of these yet. If you have any ideas that you would like to share with me for these luncheons, please feel free. If you are interested in helping to plan any of or all of these with me, please reach out to me at the

above email or see me at church.

I hope to see all current Secret Sisters and a great new bunch of Secret Sisters ready to join in the fun.

Senior “Social” Moment April 21, 10:30 AM: A field trip to the Allen Cottrill Sculpture

Gallery in Zanesville! All seniors and senior friends of Grace Lutheran Church are invited to our field trip to the Allen Cottrill Sculpture Gallery in Zanesville. We will meet at the church at 10:30 AM, arrive in Zanesville in time for lunch, then tour the museum. Cost is \$2 donation per person. We will then return to the church no later than 4 PM. Please sign-up at the Welcome desk at church. If you are willing to drive and take a few passengers, please inform Pastor Wendel!



Ohio Mission Region Convocation: Our next convocation will happen on May 1-2, 2026, at St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3220 Columbus St., Grove City, OH 43123. The theme of the convocation this year will be “**Not Ashamed.**” We hope that every congregation and pastor of our SEOMD will be represented! You may click here: [tps://forms.gle/119ws9hHCxpGrAAj7](https://forms.gle/119ws9hHCxpGrAAj7) to get to the online registration form. Please get the word out to your congregational leaders and members. It would be great to see a large turnout at this important event in the life of our NALC Ohio Mission Region!



May 3, 2026 @ 7:00 PM

Columbus Rings Concert

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

[100 E Schrock Rd, Westerville, OH 43081](https://www.graceelc.org/100-E-Schrock-Rd-Westerville-OH-43081)

2026 ANNUAL
**WESTERVILLE COMMUNITY
PRAYER BREAKFAST**

"Glorify God Among the Nations, Seeking
Him in All Generations"

Benefitting the Mission of  **WARM**

**National Day of
Prayer**

May 7, 2026

7am-8:30am

Doors open at 6:30am

The Renaissance

409 Altair Pkwy, Westerville

RSVP by April 7

Tickets: \$45 per person

Register at

warmwesterville.org/prayer-breakfast

GUEST SPEAKER
JENNIFER SHAW



Telly Award winning speaker,
Amazon best-selling author,
5-time top 40 Billboard artist


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C H A M B E R
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April 19, 4pm
Amazing Grace Concert Series
Grace Evangelical
Lutheran Church

My Whole Being Rejoices

Find the 44 **bold** words from Psalm 16:5-11 (ESV).

D W E L L S E L H P I D O Y T
C O R R U P T I O N N H T A P
U E S Y O F M W H O L E S L R
P A R E S M I E C N E S E R P
T R S T C U R T S N I A C S N
F T C T L I F E U A S I U Q W
U P O R T I O N V A S H R U O
L L U A A Y O J N E E N E C N
L A N E U C I T E S R B H O K
N C S H A K E N V R U O D X L
E E E S T L O R D H S N F E H
S S L E T H G I R E A N O A P
S S E L B X G L N B E I N G N
C N M F A R D I A F L D L O H
G H T F X F L P N D P H O L Y

The **LORD** is my **chosen portion** and my **cup**; you **hold** my **lot**.
The **lines** have **fallen** for me in **pleasant places**; **indeed**, I have a
beautiful inheritance. I **bless** the LORD who gives me **counsel**; in
the **night** also my **heart instructs** me. I have **set** the LORD always
before me; because he is at my **right hand**, I shall not be **shaken**.
Therefore my heart is **glad**, and my **whole being rejoices**; my **flesh**
also **dwells secure**. For you will not **abandon** my **soul** to **Sheol**, or
let your **holy one see corruption**. You make **known** to me the **path**
of **life**; in your **presence** there is **fullness of joy**; at your right hand
are **pleasures forevermore**.

Living Out Our Mission,

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church offers:

Two services of Word and Sacrament every Sunday
Traditional, Faithful, Biblical Worship
A Parish that is Committed to “Inreach” and “Outreach”
A Strong Sunday School Program
Children and Youth Ministry and Learning Opportunities
In-depth Adult Education/Adult Studies
Vacation Bible School in the summer
Adult Fellowship Activities
Congregational Fellowship Activities
Grace Care Team
Outstanding Music Program for Worship and Outreach,
including Grace Chancel Choir, Grace Youth Choir,
Grace Ringers
“Amazing Grace” Community Concert Series
Advent and Lenten Midweek Evening Prayer services
Outreach through Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM)
Founding Congregation of Habitat for Humanity Partnership
Alcoholics Anonymous meetings

And more...

In the name of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

Won't you join us?

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How did you find us?

- Drove by the church, saw the sign**
- Met a member who invited me**
- Saw ad in the Columbus Dispatch (online or print?)**
- Received a mail invitation**
- Attended an Amazing Grace Concert**
- Attended an event (VBS, Youth, etc.)**
- Visited the Grace Lutheran booth at Farmer's Market**
- Searched online**

Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church!

If you are a visitor, thank you for coming! We are pleased to have you with us! We are a congregation which seeks to “Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness...” Psalm 96:9. Our style, our worship environment and especially our music is intended to heighten our glory and praise, in response to God’s gifts of grace in Word and Sacrament! If you have no church home, we invite you to become a member of Grace and to grow with us in faith!

**We would appreciate a record of your visit!
Completed forms can be placed in the offering or handed to an usher.**

Date _____
Name(s) _____
Address _____
Email _____
Phone _____

____ I am a member of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church/will commune today.
____ I Am a Visitor (____ 1st Time ____ 2nd Time ____ Regular Visitor)
____ I am a Regular Attendee.

I am a member of _____ Church
City/State _____

____ I am visiting from out-of-town.
____ I have recently moved to this area from _____
____ **YES, I WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF GRACE CHURCH!**
____ Please include me in e-mail communications. My e-mail address is:

____ I would like to talk with the pastor.
____ I would like information about children/youth ministries.

Today in worship, please pray for (Hand this request to usher before the service):

Other information you would like to share: _____

All who are baptized, have communed before, and believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper, are welcome to commune with us today