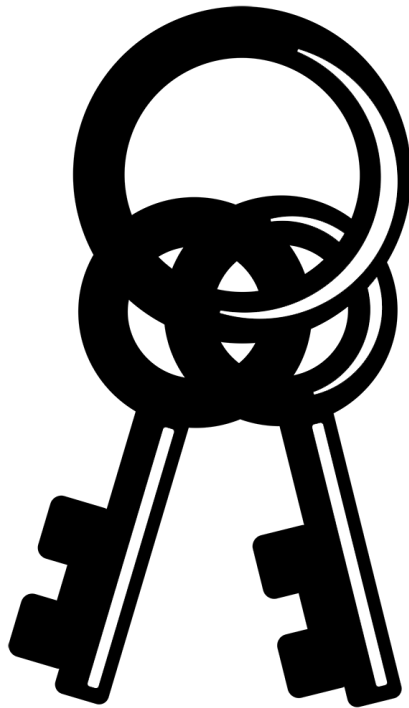


Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost



August 23, 2026

A Prayer Upon Entering

*Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe.
As I cross this threshold, I enter as if the ground itself were paved with gold,
for the place whereon I stand is holy ground.
Calm my spirit, quiet my rushing thoughts, and still my heart.
Help me to lay aside the noise and burdens of the world, for you are here.
May this space be a sanctuary of peace,
and may my heart be a living temple of your Holy Spirit.
Let no shout or rush disturb this sacred hour,
but let reverence, awe and love fill me as I approach your presence.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

(Traditional prayer on the doors of English churches)

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

"Variations on Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" - *arr. David N. Johnson*

"By All Your Saints" - *arr. James Mansfield*

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord. Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

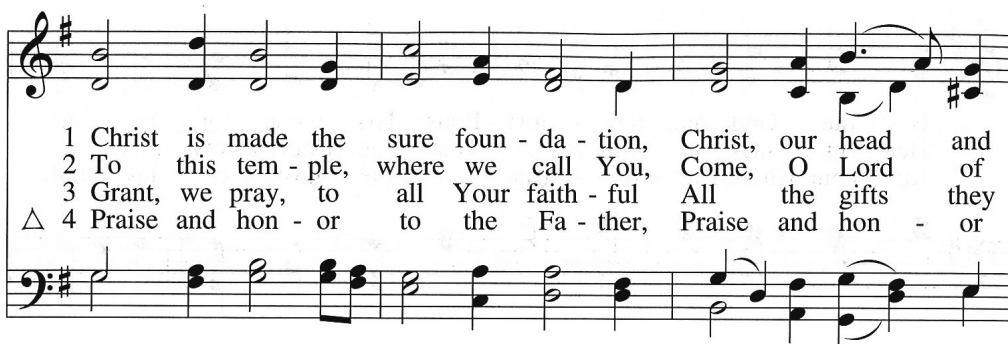
C **O most merciful God, who gave your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for His sake, grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your Word, that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and bestows on them His Holy Spirit. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by His authority, I 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.

C **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN

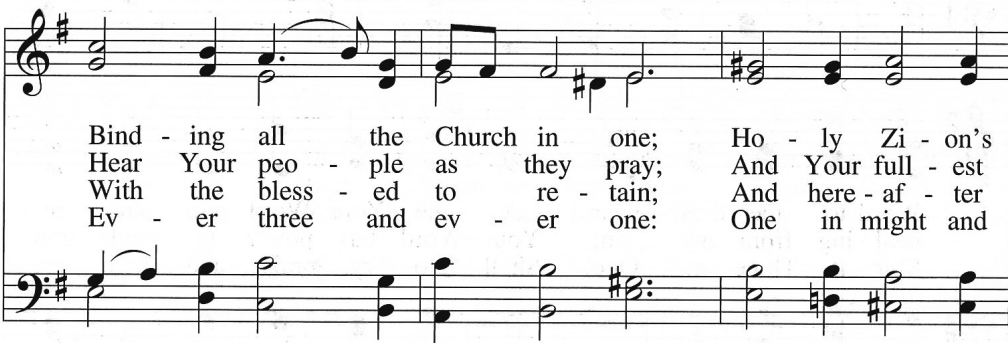
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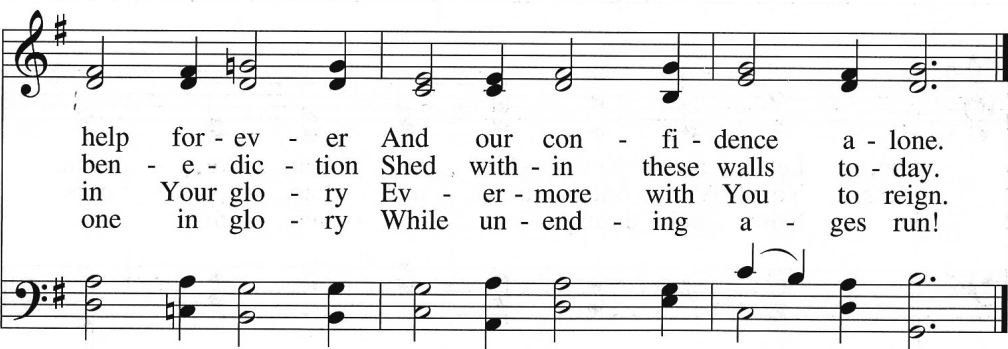
1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of
 3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faith - ful All the gifts they
 Δ 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; Come with all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 ask to gain; What they gain from You, for - ev - er
 to the Son, Praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's
 Hear Your peo - ple as they pray; And Your full - est
 With the bless - ed to re - tain; And here - af - ter
 Ev - er three and ev - er one: One in might and



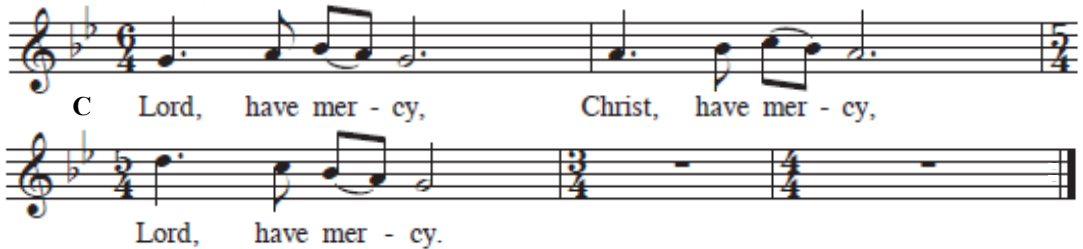
help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.
 one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run!

The Liturgy of The Word

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

- 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.

THE KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,
Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

“Glory to God”



8
C Glo - ry to God in the high - est, _____ and
peace _____ to his peo - ple on earth _____
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - migh - ty
God and Fa - ther, _____ we wor - ship you, we give you
thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. _____
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, _____ and peace _____
_____ to his peo - ple on earth. _____

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

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

us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re -

ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord. you a - lone are the Most High.

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men! A - men!

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his

peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

God of all creation, you call people of all nations to your kingdom. As you gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly confess your Son Jesus Christ as Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

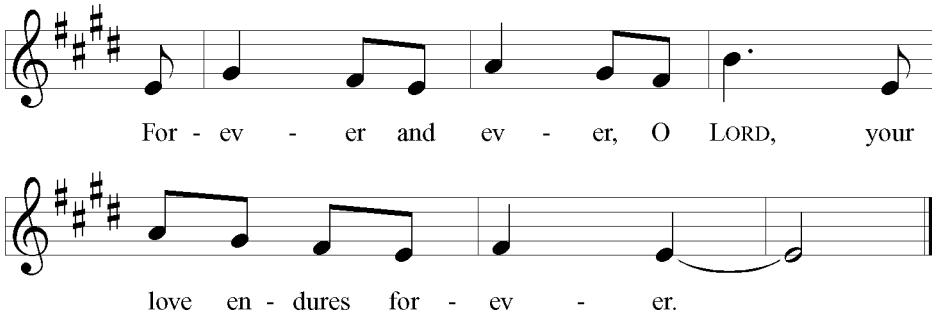
¹“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. ³For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 138

Refrain



Psalm Tone



L ¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with | my whole heart;
before the gods I will | sing your praise.

C ²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and | praise your Name,
because of your | love and faithfulness;**

L ³For you have glori- | fied your name
and your word a- | bove all things.

C ⁴**When I called, you | answered me;
you increased my | strength within me. Refrain**

L ⁵All the kings of the earth will praise | you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words | of your mouth.

C ⁶**They will sing of the ways | of the LORD,
that great is the glory | of the LORD.**

L ⁷Though the LORD be high, he cares | for the lowly;
he perceives the haughty | from afar.

C ⁸**Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand | shall save me.**

L ⁹The LORD will make good his pur- | pose for me;
O LORD, your love endures forever; do not abandon the works | of your hands. **Refrain**

SECOND READING: Romans 11:33-12:8

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” ³⁵“Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” ³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

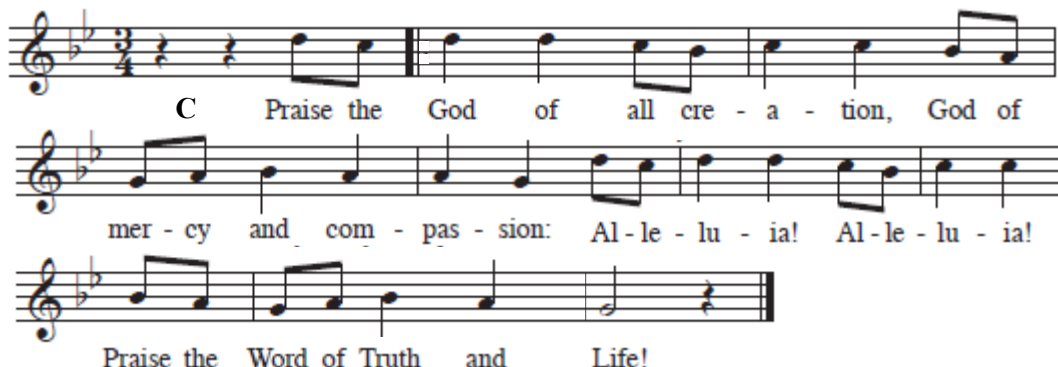
¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with

sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE (*John 6:68*)



HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

LITTLE LAMBS

At this 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: "Christ Builds His Church!"

The Rev. David Wendel

After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"By All Your Saints in Warfare" (v. 1, 10, 3)

1 By all your saints in war - fare, For all your saints at
See verse 10 on next page
3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther And wor - ship God the

rest, Your ho - ly name, O Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be
Son And sing to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in

blest! For you have won the bat - tle That they might wear the
One. Till all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the

crown; And now they shine in glo - ry Re - flect - ed from your throne.
throne, As - crib - ing pow'r and glo - ry And praise to God a - lone.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It features a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is primarily in the soprano and alto parts, with the piano providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with some lines indicating specific verses (1, 3, 10) and a reference to the next page.

The Confession of St. Peter

10 Praise for your great apostle
So eager and so bold,
Thrice falling, yet repentant,
Thrice charged to feed your fold.
Lord, make your pastors faithful
To guard your flock from harm,
And hold them when they waver
With your almighty arm.

APOSTLES' CREED

A We confess our Christian faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. 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... *Terry Riesen, Eddie Hardick, Jan Boughton, Lon Landis, David Doll, Don Melick, Tom Zawodny, Betty Milner, Rod Rice, Sue Ross, Mary Ross, Jim Ross*

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

Heather Bush - Soprano Solo, Linda Hoch - Piano

"How Great Thou Art" - *arr. Dan Forrest*

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

THE OFFERTORY

"As The Grains of Wheat"

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.
1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when
Refrain
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Merciful Father,
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves,
our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for
the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

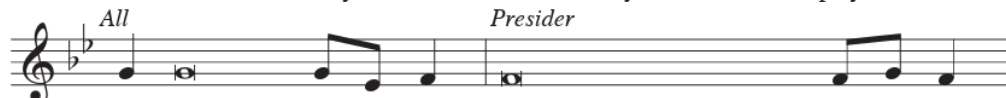
(2 Timothy 4: 22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136)

Presider *All* *Presider*



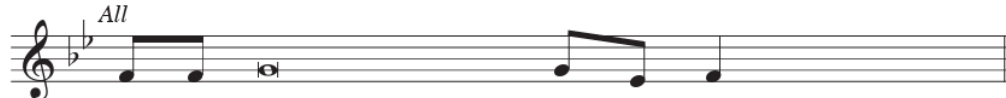
The Lord be with you; and al - so with you. Lift up your hearts.

All *Presider*



We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P Father, all-powerful and ever-living God...*The Presider continues with the preface, concluding...*we praise you Lord, with all the angels in their song of joy:

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

4 Assembly



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,



God of pow-er, God of might. Heav-en and earth are



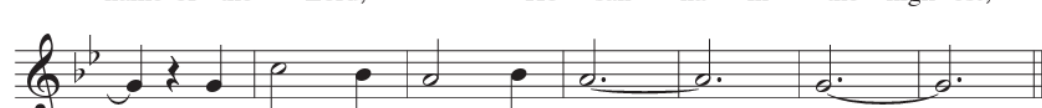
full of your glo - ry: Ho - san - na in the



high - est! Bless-ed is he who comes in the



name of the Lord; Ho - san - na in the high - est,



ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Father, you are holy indeed, and all creation rightly gives you praise. All life, all holiness comes from you through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, by the working of the Holy Spirit.

From ages to age, you gather a people to yourself, so that from east to west, a perfect offering made be made to the glory of your name. And so, Father, we bring you these gifts. We ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit, that they may become the body and blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate this eucharist.

THE WORD OF INSTITUTION

P On the night He was betrayed, He took bread and gave you thanks and praise. He broke the bread, gave it to His disciples and said:

Take this, all of you and eat it: this is my body which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, He took the cup. Again, He gave you thanks and praise, He gave the cup to His disciples and said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and

Everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in memory of me.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



C Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

P Father, calling to mind the death your Son endured for our salvation, His glorious resurrection and ascension and His promise to come again, we ask you to mercifully accept this, our response of praise and thanksgiving. Grant that we who are nourished by His body and blood may be filled with the Holy Spirit and become one body, one spirit in Christ, to establish our faith in truth, that we may glorify you through Christ our Lord, from whom all good things come.

P Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, forever and ever.

AMEN



C A - men, a - men, a - men!

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

3

C Our Fa - ther, who art in heav-en,
hal - low - ed be thy name; thy king-dom come, thy
will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.
Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and for -
give us our tres-pass - es, as we for-give those who
tres - pass a-against us; and lead us not in - to temp-
ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For the king-dom, the pow-er and the glo-ry are yours
now and for - ev - er - more. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD/THE FRACTION

A time of silence...

- P Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. *(John 1:29)*
C **Blessed are those who are invited to the supper of the Lamb!** *(Revelation 19:9)*

LAMB OF GOD (*John 1: 29*)

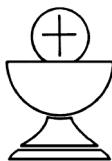
C Je - sus, Lamb of God; Je - sus, Bread of Life; Je - sus, Prince of Peace; you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, Lamb of God; you take a - way the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

a tempo

poco rit.

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 MUSIC

"Christ Be Our Light"



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



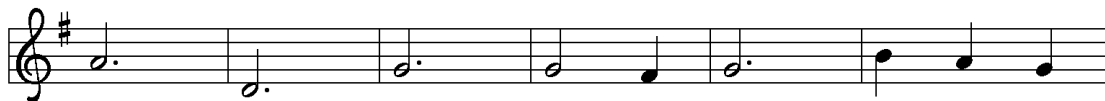
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Song" - Christopher Uehlein

Linda Hoch- Organ

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.**

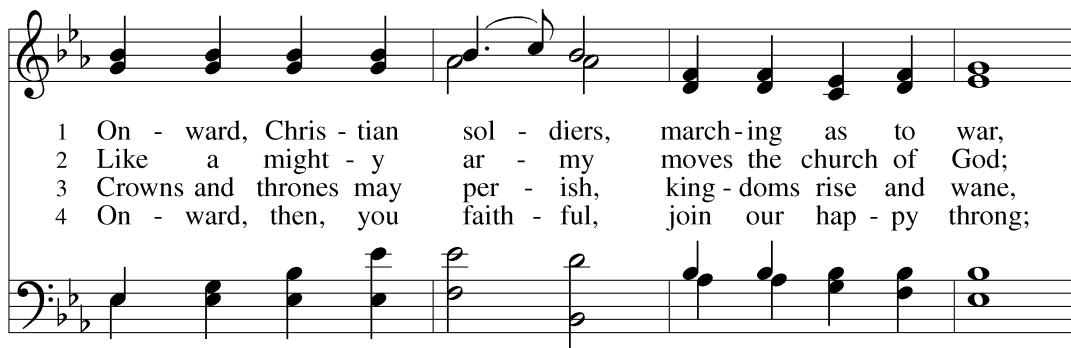
THE BENEDICTION (*Numbers 6: 24-26*)

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.

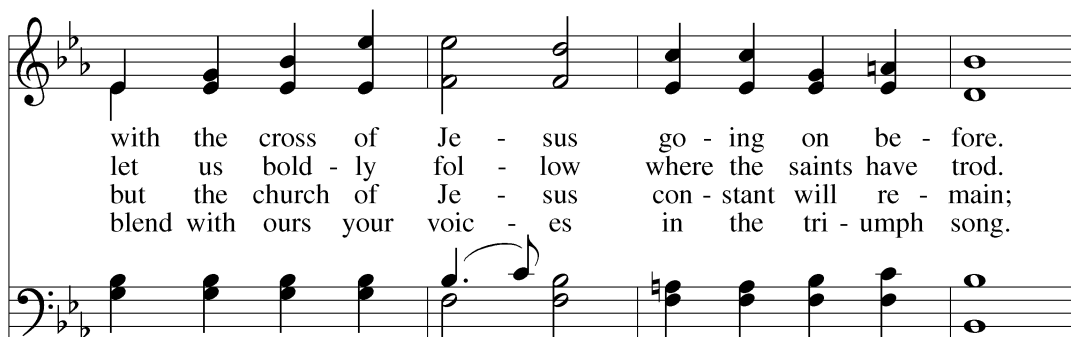


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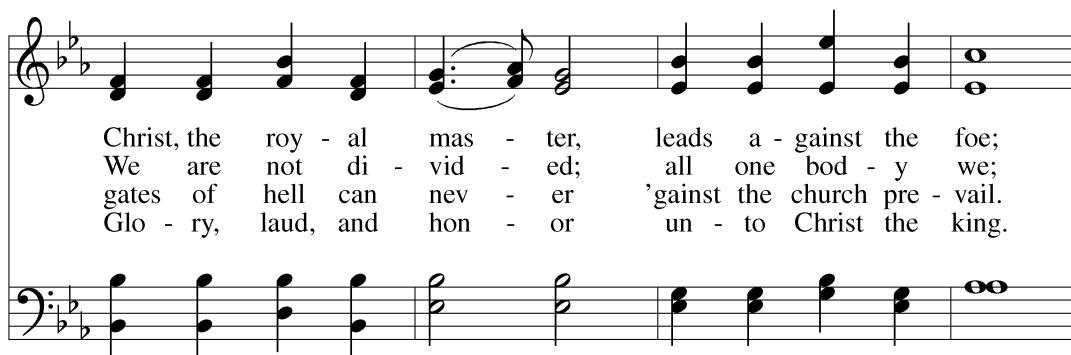
"Onward Christian Soldiers"



1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,
 2 Like a might - y ar - my moves the church of God;
 3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, king - doms rise and wane,
 4 On - ward, then, you faith - ful, join our hap - py throng;



with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.
 let us bold - ly fol - low where the saints have trod.
 but the church of Je - sus con - stant will re - main;
 blend with ours your voic - es in the tri - umph song.



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, leads a - gainst the foe;
 We are not di - vid - ed; all one bod - y we;
 gates of hell can nev - er 'gainst the church pre - vail.
 Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or un - to Christ the king.

for - ward in - to bat - tle, see, his ban - ners go!
 one in hope and doc - trine, one in char - i - ty.
 We have Christ's own prom - ise, and that can - not fail.
 We through count - less a - ges with the an - gels sing:

Refrain

On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,
 with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.

THE RITE OF SENDING

Children Go in peace, serve the Lord!
 C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Linda Hoch

"Fanfare on St. Gertrude"- *arr. Gordon Young*

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.

Flowers are given by...

*Bill and Twyla Ridder in celebration of grandchild, Sara Chaffee's birthday, August 28.
 Rudy and Dottie Kolberg in gratitude to our Lord for His countless blessings on our 70th
 wedding anniversary.*

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



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- 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.

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost, August 9: 8:15: 65; 11:00: 88; total: 153

MUSIC NOTES

"Variations on Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" – arr. David N. Johnson

The ancient Latin hymn from the 7th century about blessed Jerusalem is based on St. Paul's description of the church in Ephesians 2:20-21: "build upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord." As "living stones" we are joined together to form a "spiritual house" with Christ as the foundation of all.

"By All Your Saints" – arr. James Mansfield

"By All Your Saints in Warfare" was penned by an aristocratic lay member of English society who made great contributions to the hymns of the Church of England. Seeing a need for hymns appropriate for use at lesser festivals and commemorations, Horatio Bolton Nelson (1823-1913) wrote this text, which first appeared in his *Hymn for Saints' Days and Other Hymns* (1864). Nelson's stanzas praise God directly for His saints. In the first stanza, God is praised by saints still living in thanksgiving for the witness of saints who have died. Although all sinners have been redeemed by Christ, Nelson suggests that the earthly struggle for believers is not yet over. The warfare Nelson writes about is not a "holy war" between believers and unbelievers; rather, the text speaks to the struggle between believers and forces working to destroy their faith. Present-day Christians facing issues of doubt, guilt and persecution can see God's guiding hand in the lives of His saints.

“How Great Thou Art” – arr. Dan Forrest

The original version of this hymn was written ca. 1885 by Carl Boberg (1859-1940), a Swedish preacher, editor and statesman. It appeared in a German version (“Wie gross bist Du”) in Estonia in 1907, and in a Russian translation by Ivan S. Prokhanoff in 1912. Stuart K. Hine (1899 – 1989), a British missionary in western Ukraine, made this English translation of the Russian over a period of years and it first appeared in a Russian gospel magazine in 1949. The song was popularized through its use in the Billy Graham crusades.

“Fanfare on St. Gertrude” – arr. Gordon Young

ST. GERTRUDE is the tune for the hymn “Onward, Christian Soldiers.” The text was written by Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924) in 1864 for a Children’s Festival at Horbury Bridge, Yorkshire. The hymn was sung “in a procession with cross and banners” as the children marched from one village to another, a traditional practice in 19th century England. It was first published in *The Church Times*, (October 15, 1864).

Serving Today

PREACHER/ OFFICIATING	The Rev. Dr. David Wendel
ORGANIST	Linda Hoch
SACRISTAN	Fred Pfanz
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Dr. Helen Kang
BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR	Maria Laderman
ASSISTING MINISTER	Fred Pfanz
COMMUNION	8:15 Donna Dettmann, Ted Ray, Vanessa Stewart
ASSISTANTS	11:00 Cheryl Bush, Tom Seamon, Vicki Morrison
ACOLYTE	8:15 Maddie Nickoli 11:00 Philip Young
CANTOR	Heather Bush
LECTOR	8:15 Bill Kulju 11:00 Ron Hoch
USHERS	8:15 Aaron Singleton, Bill Kulju, Jim Caldwell 11:00 Eric Bush, Gregg Rearick, Jim Monroe
GREETERS	8:15 Lois Rumph 11:00 Nelson Grover
LITTLE LAMBS	8:15 Susan Riches 11:00 Jennifer Blankenship
ALTAR GUILD	Team 3- Vanessa Stewart, Lois Bernhardt, Jodie Arreguin, Amy Quinn, Linda Reasoner, Ellen Paulus, Joanne Figge
NURSERY ATTENDANTS	Kaitlyn F., Donna P.
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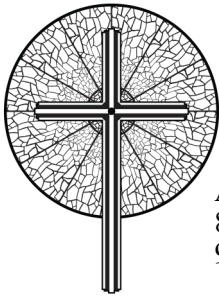
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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church has been serving the Westerville community for more than 115 years, supporting local ministries such as the Westerville Area Resource Ministry, Westerville Partnership Habitat for Humanity, and Westerville CROP Walk. 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: Aug. 23-30, 2026

Amazing God-- Amazing Grace-- Amazing Worship!

	August 23	Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
	8:15 am	Worship Service
	9:45 am	Grace Youth Group (GYG): Parent & Youth Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	12:30 pm	NALC Disaster Response Fleece Blanket led by Grace Stitchers– All are invited! (Fellowship Hall)
MON	1:00 pm	Euchre Group (Loaves and Fishes Café)
	6:30 pm	Monday Evening Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
TUES	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
WED.	10:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
THURS	6:30 pm	Dartball Meeting (2nd Floor Sunday School Rooms)
	6:30 pm	GLCC Steering Committee Meeting (Rose Garden 2 & 3)
	7:00 pm	Music and Worship Meeting (Loaves and Fishes Café)
	7:30 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
FRI.	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
SAT	9am-noon	Grace Ambassadors @ Westerville Farmer's Market
	9:00am	WARM Hunger Heros 5k @ Westerville Sports Complex
	9:30 am	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
August 30		Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
	8:15 am	Worship Service
	9:45 am	Adult Learning Resumes (Fellowship Hall)
	9:45 am	Handbell Petting Zoo (Sanctuary)
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	7-8pm	Recital Fundraiser for Choir Tour benefiting Joseph Worrell and Carleigh Benson (Sanctuary)

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

Grace Youth Group (GYG): Parent & Youth Meeting: Sunday, August 23 • 9:45 AM



All middle school and high school youth and their parents are invited to meet with Pastor Wendel on **Sunday, August 23, at 9:45 AM** between services. We'll discuss plans for the newly reorganized **Grace Youth Group (GYG)**, which is being developed as **"youth led, adult supported!"**

This important informational meeting will help us prepare for the fall youth program and hear ideas for future youth activities and Sunday gatherings. We hope you'll join us!

Volunteer Opportunities at Grace

There are several meaningful ways to get involved and share God's love through service at Grace!

Altar Guild Leaders Needed: Our longtime and much-appreciated Altar Guild leader, Vanessa Stewart, is ready to step down, and we are looking for a person, persons, or perhaps two couples to serve as leader or co-leaders. The Altar Guild lovingly and prayerfully prepares our church and sanctuary for worship, helping create a place where the faithful gather to receive God's gifts of grace through Word and Sacrament. Current Altar Guild members or others looking for a new way to become involved are encouraged to consider this opportunity. Training will be provided, with a goal of having new leadership in place by September. **Interested or have questions? Please speak with Vanessa Stewart or Pastor Wendel.**

Little Lambs Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed: Do you enjoy sharing God's love with children? Little Lambs is seeking caring volunteers to serve during the **11:00 AM worship service**. Children ages 3 through 3rd grade enjoy an age-appropriate Bible lesson during worship, and volunteers help make this ministry possible. **If you have a heart for children and would like to serve, please contact the church office or Susan Riches.**

Sunday School Volunteers Needed: Help nurture the faith of our children and young people by supporting our Sunday School classes! We are especially looking for volunteers to assist with **grades 1–4 and 5–6**. Whether you can teach regularly, assist a teacher, or occasionally lend a hand, your involvement can make a meaningful difference. **Interested in supporting Sunday School? Please contact Cindy Odum or Denise Reynard.**

Whether you have a little time or are looking for a deeper way to serve, **there is a place for you at Grace!** We invite you to prayerfully consider where God may be calling you to share your gifts.

Each Sunday we enjoy seeing flowers on the bema. It reminds us of the beauty of God's creation. The arrangement can honor an event, a loved one or give thanks and glory to God. To help cover the cost, we are asking for a minimum donation of \$40.00. The flowers are not the property of the donor, but will be enjoyed by all. With care they can last a week or more in the gathering space.

We encourage you to continue this tradition. You may sign up at the welcome center, on-line through our giving page, or call the office.

YOUTH & FAMILY SUNDAY MORNINGS & WORSHIP RESOURCES

*We're excited to support families and help children grow in faith.
Here's how we welcome and care for your family each Sunday:*

NURSERY CARE (INFANTS – AGE 6): Enjoy worship, Adult Learning, or fellowship in the Loaves & Fishes Café while your little ones are lovingly cared for. Pagers available for parents if needed.

BUSY BAGS: Keep little hands engaged during worship with age-appropriate books and activities. Located by the sanctuary entrance.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS: Activity-based bulletins that follow the weekly readings. Available at the usher's table.

LITTLE LAMBS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 3 – 3RD GRADE): Children leave worship after the Gospel reading for a fun, age-appropriate Bible lesson. They return during the offering for Holy Communion. Offered at both worship services.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (PRESCHOOL – HIGH SCHOOL): Sundays, 9:40 – 10:30 AM (Resumes September 13)
Adult class available (Resumes August 30)

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church is committed to helping children and families grow in faith and community.

CONTACT: Pr. David Wendel or the office at 614-882-3026

BIBLE STUDIES & FAITH FORMATION

*Grow deeper in understanding and fellowship through
study, discussion, and prayer.*

- **SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS-** The adult class will begin our Fall session on August 30th at 9:45 in the fellowship hall and is facilitated by Bill Kulju. Our first study is titled "NOOMA" - The word NOOMA is a phonetic spelling of the Greek word pneuma, which means wind or spirit. This study is a series of short Christian films featuring author and speaker Rob Bell. Each short video blends everyday life events with teachings about God, Jesus, and our faith. This series is designed to start discussions rather than provide all the answers.
- **Grace Sisterhood's** next meeting is **September 14 at 7pm at The Hoover Bar and Kitchen.** We will continue meeting the 2nd Monday of each month (so mark your calendars so you can join in the fellowship). We are studying, "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 resume in the fall.** Come and join us for study and fellowship! Call Dorothy Crain, 614-264-5304, with questions.

- **Men of Grace Bible Study, Saturday September 19th, 8 AM.** At the last Men of Grace study in July, the men completed the chapter and verse study of the Gospel of Luke! We will begin studying the Gospel of Mark on September 19th, as our lectionary will begin using Mark's writing as our gospel lessons beginning Advent 1, November 29th. All men of the church (and friends) are invited to join in this monthly study!
- **Monday Evening Bible Study-Beginning September 14th, (Holy Cross Day!), 6:30 PM.** Following our spring study on Romans, we will begin with the so-called "Corinthian Correspondence," beginning with Paul's first letter to the Christians in Corinth. These letters are quite personal, as Paul had a relationship with this congregation, and writes to address conflict in which had arisen in Corinth. As the apostle deals with this division, he also provide for us his great teachings on the power and wisdom of God versus the foolishness of humans, sexual immorality in the Church, the body as a temple of the Holy Spirit, instructions regarding marriage, the institution of the Lord's Supper and the meaning of it, leading to what is really the capstone of the epistle, his teaching on the gifts of the Spirit, especially faith, hope and love! Sign up at the Welcome desk at church or on the Grace app!
- **Ruth Circle will resume in the fall.**
- **Wednesday, Women's Bible study meets at 10:30 am.** If you are interested see Pr. David Wendel or email at d.wendel@grace43081.org.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Youth and Family Events

- Sunday, August 23 • 9:45 AM: Grace Youth Group: Parent & Youth Meeting
- Sunday, September 13, Rally Day/Homecoming Picnic
- Sunday, September 13, GYG Rally Day Kickoff, After the Church Picnic until 3:00 PM

GYG Rally Day Kickoff: Sunday, September 13 • After the Church Picnic until 3:00 PM

All middle school and high school youth are invited to our first reorganized **Grace Youth Group (GYG)** gathering on **Rally Day!** We'll meet immediately following the church picnic and gather until 3:00 PM.

This will be a time to get organized, plan future Sunday meetings and activities, and officially kick off our regular Sunday GYG gatherings. Come ready to share your ideas and help shape the future of GYG!



Grace Ringers Bell Choir: Contact Maria Laderman.

Grace Singers Chancel Choir: contact Helen Kang.

Joyful Voices Youth Choir rehearsal schedule: contact Helen Kang.



Handbell Petting Zoo Sunday, August 30th at 9:45am between services in the sanctuary. Come explore the wonderful world of handbells! Our Handbell Petting Zoo is a fun, hands-on opportunity for teens and adults to touch, hold, and try ringing real handbells. Learn the basics of proper ringing technique, discover how different bells create different notes, and experience what it's like to make music as a handbell ringer.

No musical experience is needed for the Petting Zoo! Just curiosity and a willingness to give it a ring! In addition, Grace Ringers is looking to expand our roster. If you can read basic music and keep up with the beat, handbells may be a great new hobby! Attend the Petting Zoo or contact Maria Laderman directly.

Sign up today for Joyful Voices Children/Youth Choral Day Camp! Saturday,



September 26, 10 AM-4 PM We are excited to announce “Joyful Voices Children/Youth Choral Day Camp for children and teens in our congregation and community! Dr. Helen Kang will lead a choral camp for those entering grades 3 through 12, Saturday, September 26, 10 AM till 4 PM, with assistance of choral students at Otterbein University.



The Day Camp will be at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 100 E. Schrock Rd, Westerville, OH! Children and teens have an innate joy and creativity often expressed by singing. Studies show music offers a multitude of benefits, including improved

language skills, enhanced memory, healthy emotional development and increased self-confidence—and it’s fun! Children and teens who would like to build self-esteem, personal discipline, and artistic development through the universal language of music are invited to participate. There is no cost to participate in this Choral Day Camp! Go to www.grace43081.org to register. Questions or desire more information? Contact Dr. Helen Kang, h.kang@grace43081.org.

Dr. Kang is director of choral music at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in organ performance from San Jose State University, a Master of Music in choral conducting from the University of Nevada-Reno, and Doctor of Musical Arts in choral conducting from the University of South Carolina-Columbia. She has served as associate conductor of the World Vision Korean Children’s Choir, directing concert choir rehearsals and concerts, supervising six different education choirs, organizing overseas concert tours and international choir festivals. Previously, she has served as the assistant conductor of The Greater Columbus Children’s Choir and assistant conductor of The New Choir, Santa Clara, CA. She has extensive teaching and speaking experience, having taught children, youth and college students!

HOSPITALITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



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 Donna & Chuck Dettman and Ruth Osborn with any questions or concerns.

Pampered Chef Fundraiser benefiting Westerville Habitat Partnership:



The last two years, through this Pampered Chef Fundraiser, we have earned over \$2000 for Habitat! Orders may begin now, and will continue **through August 30th!** Westerville Habitat Partnership will receive 30% of total sales when this fundraiser ends!

We hope to raise \$1200 this year, as the need for affordable housing is still growing. Will you help us? **To place an order, type in this**

order link <https://tinyurl.com/WHP2026> or use the QR code

Our consultant is Pam Aylor. If you have any questions about the products her contact information is: pam.aylor.pc@gmail.com or 614-325-2800

CHURCH GREETERS– By Denise Reynard



Did you know that Church greeters are vital and are Grace's "front door" to our congregation serving as a first living impression of our church. Did you know most first-time visitors decide whether they will return within the first ten minutes of arrival, a warm, helpful greeting eliminates awkwardness and makes people feel safe and welcome. So smile, wear your name tag and shake hands. Tell everyone how happy you are that they are here.

A strong greeting team is far more than just a logistical task; it is a vital ministry that may impact a visitor's willingness to engage with the gospel. Your importance can be broken down into four critical areas:

1. Shaping First Impressions

Walking into a new church can feel intimidating. Guests often wonder if they will be judged, if they are dressed appropriately, or if they will know anyone. A smiling, prepared greeter signals immediate acceptance, putting visitors at ease and making them receptive to the service.

2. Providing Practical Guidance

To a first-time visitor, a church building can feel like a foreign country. Greeters act as essential tour guides by pointing out restrooms, water fountains, the nursery or where ever someone needs to go.

3. Fostering Community Connection

Research shows that people typically connect and stay at a church because of the relationships they build, not just the institution itself. Effective greeters help embed visitors into the congregation by striking up conversations, remembering their names, and introducing them to other members, ushers, or pastors.

4. Reflecting Gospel Hospitality

Serving as a greeter is a counter-cultural act of hospitality. By welcoming everyone with warmth and grace, greeters embody the biblical priority of hospitality found in the early church. They create an environment where people don't just feel attended to, but truly *seen*.

So now that you know how important Greeters are to our church and congregation, please consider being a greeter. We are looking for greeters for both services and special and holiday services.

I am also looking for a new a captain for the months of February/August. This just means that during those 2 months you, as the captain, are seeking out greeters to cover both the 8:15 and 11:00 services using our list of AWESOME volunteers. I usually send out a mass email to get everything started. I may have to send out another email. I would also suggest not waiting until a week before to start trying to get coverage.

Senior "Social" Moment, Monday, September 21, 1 PM! All seniors and senior friends are invited to our Senior "Social" Moment, Monday, Sept. 21, 1 PM. This an informal social time for connection, conversation and usually a fun activity! In September, we'll share memories from school and the beginning of school each year. Come with your fun, embarrassing and/or meaningful remembrances of school-days!



Rally Sunday/Homecoming Sunday September 13! Please have our Rally Sunday/



Homecoming Sunday on your calendar, September 13! Labor Day is a bit later this year, so the start of the fall Sunday School, Confirmation Class and Adult Education seems later. Summer is always a time when folks travel, have family outings and lots of youth sports activities. As the fall school semester begins, we “rally” back to church! As we did last year, we are observing September 13th also as “homecoming!” We hope family members, friends and perhaps homebound senior members may be able to come home Sept. 13th, to renew relationships and

worship together! If you know one of our homebound seniors, or those who have a hard time getting to worship each week, please reach out, invite them to come and if possible, pick them up and bring them to church!

SAVE THE DATE:

Who: Everyone

What: Rally around the Cross Church Picnic

When: September 13, 2026, after the 11:00 Service

Where: Here at Grace Lutheran Church, outside weather permitting

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- The church provides hot dogs, hamburgers and buns.
- Lemonade and water will be available.
- Each family will need to bring a side dish or dessert for everyone to share.
- We are also having the Secret Ingredient Cook/Bake off again. The ingredient will be
- picked by Pastor and announced at church a couple of weeks prior to the picnic.
- Hang out and enjoy the company. You can bring a deck of cards, yard games, etc.

There will be a sign-up sheet. This will let us know how many hot dogs and hamburgers we will need.

If you have any questions or thoughts, please reach out to Denise at denise.reynard@rocketmail.com

Looking Ahead: Senior's Trip to Frankenmuth, Michigan, Monday-Tuesday, Nov. 9-10! All seniors



and friends are invited to take an overnight trip to Frankenmuth, Michigan, “Little Bavaria,” leaving Monday morning, November 9th and returning before 6 PM on November 10th. We will stay at the Bavarian Inn, have time to explore the shops and history of the town and on Tuesday, visit Bronner’s Christmas Shoppe, known as the largest Christmas store in the world! More information will be forthcoming, but for now, sign up at the Welcome Desk at church or online (<https://grace-evangelical-luther.subspla.sh/shv2m4q>) to indicate interest, which will determine costs. Questions? See Pastor Wendel!



Dartball Season - from Captain Chris Banks. The season will begin on Thursday, August 27. We're always looking for new players! If interested, reach out to Chris. All games are on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to around 9:00. For away games, we meet at the church at 6:30 and carpool to churches in Pickerington, Grove City, Obetz, and Reynoldsburg to name a few. The season runs through early March.

Art & Environment Ministry (A&E) helps create the welcoming and meaningful atmosphere of Grace through the visual beauty of our worship spaces. This ministry prepares the sanctuary for each liturgical season with banners, flowers, plants, and seasonal décor, while also caring for the greenery throughout the building and helping with artistic enhancements. Whether you enjoy decorating, caring for plants, lending a hand during special seasonal decorating days, or supporting the ministry through altar flower donations, there are many ways to get involved. The team meets on the first Thursday of each month at 1pm during the school year, and meeting times can be adjusted to welcome new members. For more information, contact Sue Mahrt (stevemahrt@yahoo.com) or Karen Grant (klgrant627@gmail.com).



OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE the DATE for SERVICE

- Mid-October to Mid-November - WARM Thanksgiving food collection
- December 5 - WARM neighborhood food drive: 9am-Noon
- December 11 - Westerville Habitat Partnership Progressive Christmas Concert: 7- 9:15pm
- January 17 (MLK weekend Sunday) - Soup 4 Shelter at Westerville Rec Center: 1-4pm

TODAY after the 11AM service- Help Us Share Warmth & Hope!



The **Grace Stitches** are leading a special service project to make **more than 60 fleece blankets** for **NALC Disaster Response**. These blankets will be shared with families impacted by disasters here in Ohio and across the United States. **Everyone is welcome!** Come help us cut, tie, and create blankets that will bring warmth and comfort to families going through difficult times. No sewing experience is needed—just bring your helping hands! A **light lunch will be provided**.

Come serve, fellowship, and have some fun while putting our faith into action! Together, we can wrap our neighbors in a little extra warmth and God's love.

FIRST FRUITS SUNDAYS Let all that you do be done in love". (1 Corinthians 16:14) August



WARM
Westerville Area Resource Ministry

Most Needed list: Body Lotion; Cereal; Deodorant; Low Salt Canned Vegetables; Paper Towels; Pasta Sauce; Pudding/Jello Mix; Shaving Cream; Sugar (Brown/Granulated); Toilet Paper; Vinegar. 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.

FOOD/HYGIENE MONTHLY TOTAL= 905 lbs.; YEAR TO DATE TOTAL=2,352.5 lbs.
MONTHLY MONETARY= \$950; YEAR TO DATE TOTAL MONETARY= \$7,611.60

Help Us Help Ohio Recover: Following the severe storms and flooding across Ohio, NALC Disaster Response is gathering supplies to help communities affected by the storms. **NOW through September 12, Grace is collecting Flood Buckets for NALC Disaster Response in the East Narthex and Gathering Space.**



Disaster Response

Supplies Needed:

- ☐ Cleaning Buckets with a tight lid
- ☐ 1 five-gallon bucket with lid
- ☐ 1 jug bleach (1/2 gal. or smaller)
- ☐ 1 roll paper towels
- ☐ 2 rags
- ☐ Comet or scouring cleanser
- ☐ scrub brush
- ☐ gloves, 1 pair each, size L
 - ☐ kitchen or construction type
- ☐ 2 construction strength trash bags
- ☐ 1 small bottle of Pine Sol, or similar

We are also exploring the possibility of taking the collected supplies to the NALC Disaster Response warehouse in **Caldwell, Ohio, on Saturday, September 12.**

Interested in helping with the potential trip? Please let **Ellen Paulus** know. Volunteers would help deliver, unload, and organize the supplies.

Stay tuned for more details as plans develop!

Together, we can put our faith into action and bring practical help and hope to our neighbors across Ohio.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Our next Red Cross Blood Drive is **Tuesday, September 15 from noon-6pm in the Gathering Space.** Appointments appreciated and walk-ins after 1pm are accepted! 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

Westerville Farmers Market - The next market is August 29, will be the final time this Summer that we will be there. Contact Joanne Figge

Intercessory Prayer Team: From Donna Dettmann

What did Martin Luther have to say about prayer:

- ☐ Prayer is a very precious medicine, one that helps and never fails.
- ☐ Prayer is a strong wall and fortress of the church.
- ☐ Prayer is a good Christian weapon.
- ☐ Prayer is the sweat of the soul.

The Intercessory Prayer Team is here for you to ask for your need (the Bible says – “Ask”). All prayer

GRACE
Intercessory
Prayer Team



requests are prayed daily, for two weeks. Confidentiality of your prayer request is very important to the IPT and you can remain anonymous.

We have 2 ways to connect to the IPT for prayer needs.

You will find a locked prayer chest at the back of the church on a table with prayer request forms and pens. Just fill out a form and put your request in the locked prayer chest. (Yes, we will take any piece of paper you can find to write your request on.)

Prayer requests can also be sent through the Grace website: <https://subsplash.com/u/-KJ4PQ7/forms/d/05ace550-f949-48db-a87c-d651dc398e69>

Let the IPT join you in asking God for your prayer need.



Join **Team Grace** for WARM's **Hunger Heroes 5K** on **Saturday, August 29** at the **Westerville Sports Complex** (325 N. Cleveland Ave.).

This fun community event raises awareness and funds to fight food insecurity during Hunger Action Awareness Month. Every step we take—and every dollar we raise—helps provide nutritious food for local families through Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM). Whether you walk, run, or cheer from the sidelines, you can make a difference! Register to join Team Grace or make a donation to support our fundraising efforts at runsignup.com/gracehungerhero or **scan the QR code above**. Together, we can be Hunger Heroes and make an impact, one step at a time!

CROP Hunger Walk Team Is Forming!



Grace is putting together a team for the **2026 CROP Hunger Walk**, and we invite you to join us! Our mission is to reach out with the love of Jesus to grow disciples and serve our community—and walking to fight hunger is a wonderful way to live out that mission.

Join **Team Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church** with your steps, your prayers, and your donations as we work together to fight hunger and poverty in Central Ohio and around the world. **75% of funds raised**

support Church World Service's global hunger-relief efforts, while 25% stays local to support organizations including WARM, Mid-Ohio Food Collective, NSI Food Pantry, Westland Ecumenical Community Food Pantry, and Worthington Resource Pantry.

□ CROP Bake Sale & Basket Raffle – Sunday, September 27

Watch for a sign-up sheet in the coming weeks, then stop by the **Gathering Space between services** to pick up some delicious treats and take a chance on a fun basket! Proceeds will support

Team Grace and our CROP Hunger Walk fundraising efforts.

☐ **Impact Fair, Registration & Walk: 1:00 PM | Walk Send-Off: 2:00 PM at Scioto Audubon Metro Park-** Walk routes range from $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to 3.5 miles.

Sign up or donate to Team Grace today:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/team/grace-ev-lutheran-church-3>

Every step, donation, bake sale purchase, and raffle entry makes a difference. **Let's end hunger and poverty one step at a time!**



Cookies for Kairos

Help Bake Cookies for Kairos #31

Volunteers are invited to bake cookies for Kairos Prison Ministry, sharing a simple gift of encouragement and God's love with the men at North Central Correctional Complex in Marion, Ohio, during Kairos #31, September 17–20, 2026.

- Please bake sturdy cookies, about 2–3 inches in diameter.
- Chocolate chip are the most popular cookie. Cookies like snickerdoodles are also popular.
- Package two dozen cookies in each one-gallon zip-top bag, and do not include notes in or on the bags.
- Avoid powdered sugar, frosting, raisins, burned, blemished, delicate, chewy, or sticky cookies.
- Please pray for the men who will receive them.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Jim Caldwell at 614-361-6631 or jtcfms@aol.com.

Please turn in cookies by Wednesday, September 9, 2026.

God bless you for your service to this ministry!

Jazz Vespers: A Charles Earland Hammond B3 Tribute

Join us **Sunday, September 20** for a special Jazz Vespers featuring acclaimed Hammond B3 organist **Linda Dachtyl** as part of the **Amazing Grace Concert Series!**

Linda is a gifted performer and composer whose musical experience spans **jazz, blues, rock, and classical music**. She holds a Bachelor of Music in Jazz Performance from Capital University and a Master of Arts in Percussion Pedagogy from The Ohio State University. She has also served as an adjunct music instructor at Kenyon College and Ohio Wesleyan University.

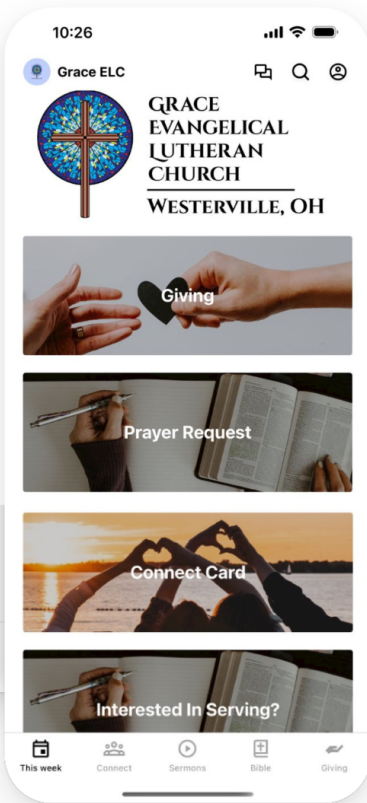
A longtime fixture in Central Ohio's jazz scene, Linda leads her own **B3 quartet** and the **QED jazz piano trio**. Her recordings have earned national attention, including *Blue Bop* and *For Hep Cats*, which reached #45 on the JazzWeek Top 100.

Linda has shared the stage with an impressive list of artists, including **Blue Lou Marini, Trudy Pitts, Gloria Coleman, Tony Monaco, Bobby Floyd, Hank Marr, Gene Ludwig, Sean Carney, Teeny Tucker**, and many others.

Come experience the soulful, swinging sound of the **Hammond B3** and celebrate the legacy of Charles Earland through an evening of worship and jazz!

- ☐ **Sunday, September 20, 2026**
- ☐ **Jazz Vespers featuring Linda Dachtyl**
- ☐ **Charles Earland Hammond B3 Tribute**
- ☐ **Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church**
- ☐ Part of the **Amazing Grace Concert Series**

No musical experience required—just come ready to listen, worship, and enjoy some incredible music!



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