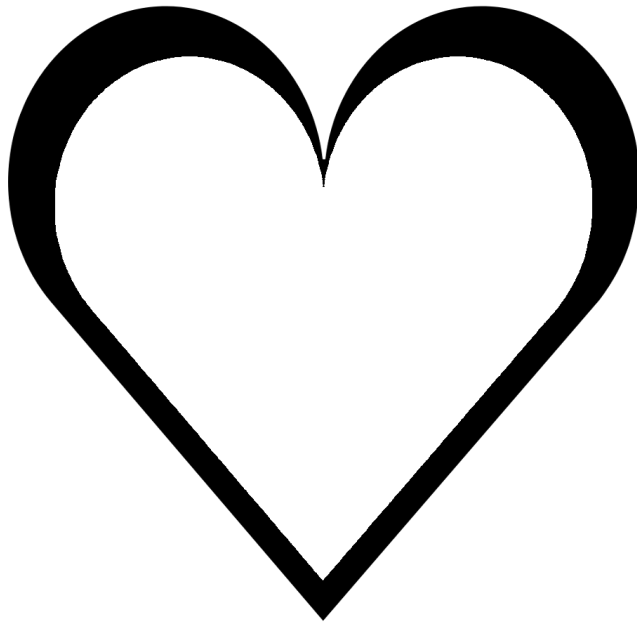


# **Sixth Sunday of Easter**



**May 10, 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](http://www.grace43081.org) and the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) at [www.thenalc.org](http://www.thenalc.org)!

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## PRELUDE

"Children of the Heavenly Father" - *arr. J. Wayne Kerr*

"O Zion, Haste" - *arr. Kevin J. Sadowski*

## 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.**

## ENTRANCE HYMN

## "Come, Thou Almighty King"



- 1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;  
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword;  
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear  
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -  
 our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy  
 in this glad hour! Thou, who al - might - y art, now rule in  
 hence ev - er - more! Thy sov-'reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.  
 ev - 'ry heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

# 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



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



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



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY



**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, you came from the Father and have returned to the Father, revealing to us the Father's love, manifested in your life, death and resurrection. Because you live and have overcome sin, death and the devil, give us strength, by your Holy Spirit, to love one another, keeping your commandments; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### FIRST READING: Acts 17:16-31

<sup>16</sup>Now while Paul was waiting for {Silas and Timothy} at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup>So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there.

<sup>18</sup>Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities" — because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup>And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" <sup>20</sup>For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." <sup>21</sup>Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. <sup>22</sup>So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup>And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup>that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup>for 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we are indeed his offspring.' <sup>29</sup>Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup>The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 66:7-18

Refrain



Be joy - ful in God, all you lands.

Psalm Tone



Be joy - ful in God, all you lands.

L<sup>7</sup>Bless our | God, you peoples;  
make the voice of his praise | to be heard;

C<sup>8</sup>**Who holds our | souls in life,  
and will not allow our | feet to slip.**

L<sup>9</sup>For you, O | God, have proved us;  
you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

C<sup>10</sup>**You brought us in- | to the snare;  
you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.**

L<sup>11</sup>You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water;  
but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

C<sup>12</sup>**I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay | you my vows,  
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble.**

### Refrain

L<sup>13</sup>I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the | smoke of rams;  
I will give you ox- | en and goats.

C<sup>14</sup>**Come and listen, all you | who fear God,  
and I will tell you what he has | done for me.**

L<sup>15</sup>I called out to him | with my mouth,  
and his praise was | on my tongue.

C<sup>16</sup>**If I had found evil | in my heart,  
the LORD would | not have heard me;**

L<sup>17</sup>But in truth | God has heard me;  
he has attended to the voice | of my prayer.

C<sup>18</sup>**Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,  
nor withheld his | love from me. Refrain**

## SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

<sup>13</sup>Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup>having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in

which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison,<sup>20</sup> because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.<sup>21</sup> Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,<sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

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: John 14:15-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>15</sup>{Jesus said,} “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup>I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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: "That They Should Seek God!"

The Rev. David Wendel

*After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,  
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

stjär-nan ej på him-la - fäs - tet, få-geln ej i kån-da näs - tet.  
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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.**

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*Remember in our prayers... Beth Lester, Jim Shinabargar, David Doll, Katie Singleton, Linda Slates, Rich Meneley, Twyla Ridder, Jennifer Rockwood, Don Melick, Tom Zawodny, Ernestine Dietz, Betty Milner, Rod Rice, Sue Ross, Mary Ross, Jim Ross*

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## 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

8:15 "The Lily of the Valley" - arr. Lloyd Larson

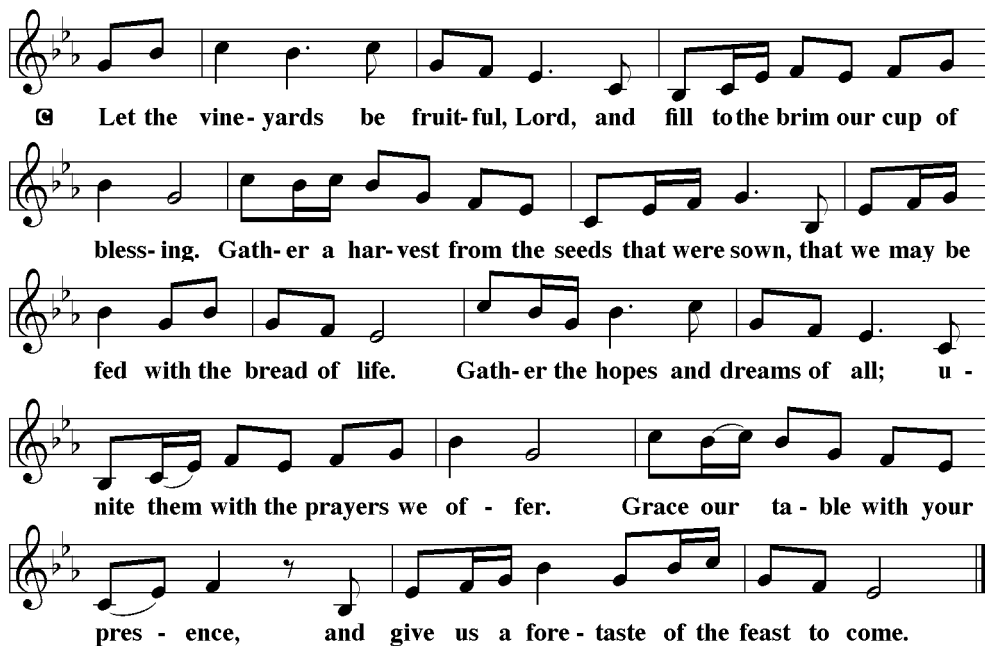
**Grace Singers Chancel Choir**

11:00 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" - arr. Abby Phillips Lockaby

**Andrea Bush - Violin, Linda Hoch - Piano**

*Please stand as the offering is brought forward.*

## THE OFFERTORY



**C** 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.

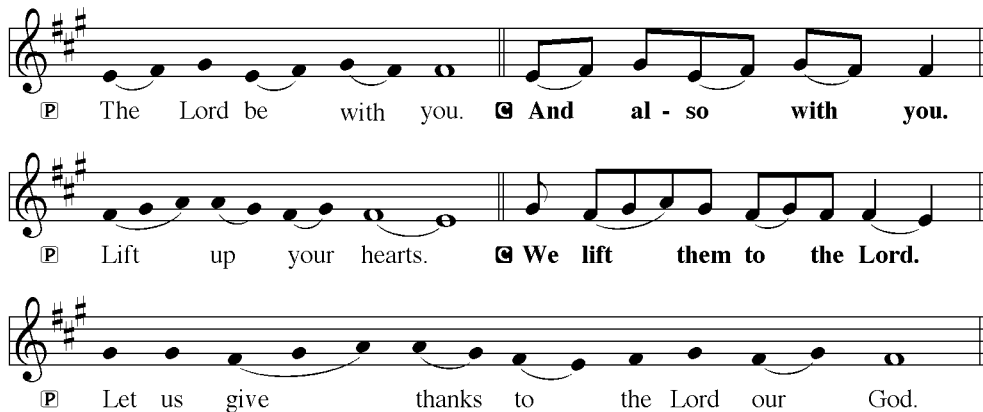
## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**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.

Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty  
of the Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is  
yours, al - migh - 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.



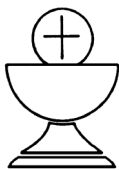
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



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 MUSIC**

**Andrea Bush - Violin, Linda Hoch - Piano**

"Ashokan Farewell" - *Jay Unger/arr. Calvin Custer*

*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  $\dagger$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A musical score for the benediction. It features two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics "A - men, A - men, A - - - men." are written below the treble staff. The music consists of a series of chords and single notes, with a final long note on "men." in the treble staff.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

**"O Zion, Haste"**

A musical score for the recessional hymn "O Zion, Haste". It features two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is two flats (Bb, Eb) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music consists of a series of chords and single notes, with a final long note on "him," in the treble staff.

1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,  
2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion  
3 Give of your own to bear the mes - sage glo - rious,  
4 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,

to tell to all the world that God is light;  
 that God, in whom they live and move, is love;  
 give of your wealth to speed them on their way,  
 make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing  
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion  
 pour out your soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious,  
 let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.  
 and died on earth that we might live a - bove.  
 and haste the com - ing of the glo - rious day.  
 through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

*Refrain*

Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,

tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion, and re - lease.

## 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

**Linda Hoch**

"Come, Thou Almighty King" - *arr. Paul Laubengayer*

**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.

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*Flowers are given by...*

*Steve and Sue Mahrt in honor of Betty and Hugo Wenzel, Sue's parents.*

*Lisa Kuhar in celebration of mother Ann Korb's birthday.*

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**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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**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.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 3:** 8:15: 57; 11:00: 123; total: 180

**Amazing Grace Concert, Columbus Rings with Scioto Valley BPC, May 3, 7pm:** 180

## MUSIC NOTES

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### **“Children of the Heavenly Father” – arr. J. Wayne Kerr**

In 1858, while Carolina (“Lina”) Sandell (later Berg) was taking a boat trip with her father, he fell overboard, and she saw him drown. After she lost her earthly father, she found comfort in writing hymns that expressed the care of her heavenly Father. That same year, 14 of her hymns were published, including this one. It appeared with this tune in the Swedish-American hymnal, *Sionsharpan* (1890).

### **“O Zion, Haste” – arr. Kevin J. Sadowski**

Mary Ann Thompson (1834-1923) began to write this hymn one night in 1868 as she sat up with one of her children who was ill with typhoid fever. Her intention was to produce a missionary tune that was then associated with Faber’s hymn “Hark, hark, my soul, angelic songs are swelling,” but it remained unfinished because she could not come up with a suitable refrain. Three years later, she completed the work, and it was first included in the Protestant Episcopal *Hymnal* (1892).

### **“The Lily of the Valley” – arr. Lloyd Larson**

This hymn by Charles W. Fry is a song celebrating a personal, intimate relationship with Jesus, depicting Him as a source of comfort, purity, and strength. Fry, a Salvation Army member, wrote the hymn in 1881 when the Salvation Army faced intense opposition, and it served to strengthen the faith of its followers. Fry drew from Biblical imagery “I am the rose of Sharon, the lily of the valleys” to represent Christ.

### **“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” – arr. Abby Phillips Lockaby**

Robert Robinson (1735-1790) wrote this hymn in 1758 for the festival of Whitsunday (Pentecost). The lines reveal a deep gratitude to God for saving him from a life of dissipation and were written while he was a pastor in Norwich, England. The text was first published in *A Collection of Hymns, Used by the Church of Christ in Angel-Alley, Bishopsgate* (1759).

### **“Ashokan Farewell” – Jay Ungar/arr. Calvin Custer**

This piece was composed by the American folk musician Jay Ungar in 1982. For many years, it served as a goodnight or farewell waltz at the annual Ashokan Fiddle and Dance Camps, run by Ungar and his wife Molly Mason, who gave the tune its name. The piece is a waltz in D major, composed in the style of a Scottish lament. The tune was used as the title theme of the 1990 PBS television miniseries *The Civil War*.

### **“Come, Thou Almighty King” – arr. Paul Laubengayer**

For more than a hundred years the authorship of this hymn, originally titled “an hymn to the Trinity,” was attributed to Charles Wesley, though that idea has been strongly debated. It is now thought that the hymn was an imitation of the English national anthem, “God Save Our Gracious King,” and for this reason the author chose to remain anonymous. For many years, these words were sung to the same tune, which we know as “America.”

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## Safely Through the Water

Find the 38 **bold** words from Psalm 66:8–12, 16–20 (ESV)

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

**Bless** our **God**, O peoples; let the sound of his **praise** be heard, who has **kept** our **soul** among the **living** and has not let our **feet slip**. For you, O God, have **tested** us; you have **tried** us as **silver** is tried. You brought us into the **net**; you laid a **crushing burden** on our backs; you let men **ride over** our **heads**; we went through **fire** and through **water**; **yet** you have **brought** us **out** to a **place** of **abundance**. **Come** and **hear**, all you who **fear** God, and I will tell what he has **done** for my soul. I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue. If I had **cherished iniquity** in my **heart**, the **Lord** would not have listened. But truly God has **listened**; he has **attended** to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my **prayer** or removed his **steadfast love** from me!

# Pray for Our VBS

Jesus, we pray that through VBS, kids in our community will grow in their relationship with you. We ask that you begin to break down any walls that might be preventing their young hearts from receiving your love. We ask that the truth of who you are sink deep into their hearts. Let them leave knowing who you are and the overwhelming, joyful love you have for each and every one of them. May the impact of VBS last a lifetime.



## Serving Today

PREACHER/ OFFICIATING	The Rev. Dr. David Wendel
COMMISSIONED LAY MINISTER	Molly King
ASSISTING MINISTER	8:15 Donna Dettmann 11:00 Roger Retherford
ORGANIST	Linda Hoch
SACRISTAN	Fred Pfanz
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Dr. Helen Kang
BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR	Maria Laderman
LECTOR	8:15 Bob Ayers 11:00 Heather Bush
CANTOR	Steve Kile
ACOLYTE	8:15 Molly Young 11:00 Tirzah French
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	8:15 Lisa Kuhar, Bill Kulju 11:00 Cheryl Bush, Eric Bush
USHERS	8:15 Bela Bernhardt, Chris Banks, Dan George, John Kotik 11:00 Bev and Mike Grubb, Tom Seamon
GREETERS	8:15 Lisa Kuhar 11:00 Merl and Jan Breen
LITTLE LAMBS	8:15 Susan Riches 11:00 Amy Quinn
NURSERY ATTENDANTS	Kaitlyn F., Donna P.
ALTAR GUILD	Team 3- Vanessa Stewart, Lois Bernhardt, Jodie Arreguin, Amy Quinn, Linda Reasoner, Ellen Paulus, Joanne Figge
SOUND TECHNICIANS	Chris Banks, Eric Bush, Dan George, Paul Grant, Brice Graves

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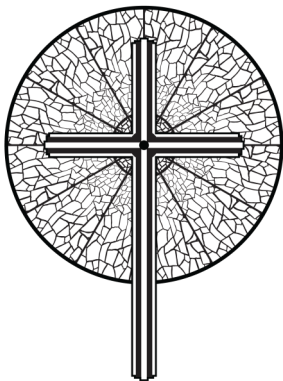
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**Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church** has been serving the Westerville community for more than 115 years, supporting local ministries such as the Westerville Area Resource Ministry, Westerville Partnership Habitat for Humanity, and Westerville CROP 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: May 10-17, 2026

Amazing God-- Amazing Grace-- Amazing Worship!

May 10

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:15 am          Worship Service  
 9:40 am          Sunday School and Confirmation  
 9:45 am          Adult Learning (Fellowship Hall)  
 11:00 am        Worship Service

MON            1:00 pm          Ruth Circle (Rose Garden 1)  
                   6:30 pm          Monday Night Bible Study on Romans  
                   7:00 pm          Grace Sisterhood @ The Hoover

TUES           6:30 pm          Band of Brothers  
                   8:00 pm          AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WED.           Women's Bible Study on break and will resume June 3  
                   1:00 pm          Senior "Social" Moments  
                   7:00 pm          Grace Singers Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Rose Garden 2&3)  
                   7:30 pm          Scioto Valley B&PC Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURS         8:00 am          Piano Tuning  
                   6-8pm          Visits with Pr. David Wendel  
                   7:30 pm          AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

FRI.            8:00 pm          AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SAT            8:00 am          Men of Grace (Loaves and Fishes Café)  
                   9:30 am          AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)  
                   8:00 pm          AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)  
 Deadline for Graduate Information for June The VOICE of Grace Newsletter and  
 June 7 Graduate Sunday bulletin

May 17

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/ MUSIC FESTIVAL SUNDAY

8:15 am          Worship Service  
 9:40 am          Sunday School and Confirmation (*Last Sunday, Resumes in September*)  
 9:45 am          Adult Learning (Fellowship Hall) (*Last Sunday, Resumes in September*)  
 11:00 am        Worship Service  
**Special Congregational Meeting Following the 11am Service**  
 12:45 pm        Concert Rehearsal (Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall)  
 4:00 pm          Amazing Grace Concert Series presents *Festival of Church Music*  
 Concert (Sanctuary)  
 Little Dresses for Africa due

Date	Upcoming Events
<b>Mondays 6:30 PM</b>	Monday Night Bible Study of Romans (ongoing)
<b>May</b>	No Women's Wednesday Bible Study in May
<b>May 11, 7:00 PM</b>	Grace Sisterhood meeting at The Hoover Bar and Kitchen
<b>May 12, 6:30 PM</b>	Band of Brothers Gathering
<b>May 13, 1:00 PM</b>	Senior 'Social' Moment
<b>May 14, 6:00–8:00 PM</b>	Visits with Pastor David
<b>May 16, 8:00 AM</b>	Men of Grace Bible Study (Loaves and Fishes Cafe)
<b>May 16 (Deadline)</b>	Submit graduate photos and bios
<b>May 17 (Deadline)</b>	Last day to contribute Little Dresses for Africa
<b>May 17</b>	Last day of Sunday School celebration
<b>May 17, 4:00 PM</b>	Amazing Grace Concert Series presents Festival of Church Music
<b>May 18, 1:00 PM</b>	Euchre group meeting
<b>May 19, 12:00–6:00 PM</b>	Blood Drive
<b>May 21, 6:15 PM</b>	Supper Club: Highbank Distillery gathering (Gahanna)
<b>May 30, 2:00–4:00 PM</b>	Mini golf at Westerville Golf Center
<b>June 3, 10:30AM</b>	Women's Wednesday Bible Study resumes
<b>June 7</b>	Graduate recognition at Sunday Service
<b>June 7, 12:30pm</b>	OWL Reveal Party after the 11am service: lunch with reveal and a craft to do together
<b>June 20</b>	9am-noon: Westerville Farmers Market: Grace Outreach Tent
<b>July 12–16</b>	VBS: Rainforest Falls, Exploring the Nature of God
<b>July 18</b>	9am-noon: Westerville Farmers Market: Grace Outreach Tent
<b>August 29</b>	9am-noon: Westerville Farmers Market: Grace Outreach Tent

**Service Recording:** The recorded 8:15am service will be available at [www.grace43081.org](http://www.grace43081.org) around 11am.



**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.

**Breaking News!! Starting May 1, 2026 the Loaves & Fishes Cafe is under new Leadership!** Donna & Chuck Dettman and Ruth Osborn have stepped forward to take over the ministry of our beloved Loaves & Fishes Cafe - Please thank them for their willingness to serve our Grace Family !

## Altar Guild Leaders & new members needed!

# HELP WANTED

Setting the Lord's table facilitating communion for our Grace family weekly is a quiet but vital ministry. It is faithfully provided by around 30 members divided into 3 teams that rotate the responsibilities monthly. Since July 2020, I have had the privilege of leading these dedicated members through the needed changes for Covid and multiple interim Pastors, into a respectful, safe, and well established ministry with Pastor

Wendel. My plan is to step down no later than September 1, 2026. My plan would be to use the time til September to establish new leadership and orient new members to this ministry. Ideally, the leadership would be shared by more than one person, but can also be done solo as I have for these years. Please prayerfully consider your commitment to this vital ministry of Grace and please contact me or Pastor Wendel with your interest or questions! Vanessa Stewart 614-588-2712.

## Little Lambs Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed!



Little Lambs

Little Lambs Children's Ministry welcomes children ages 3 through 3rd grade for a fun, age-appropriate Bible lesson during the 8:15 AM and 11:00 AM worship services. Children are invited to leave after the Gospel reading and return during the offering in time for Holy Communion.

We are currently looking for caring, committed volunteers to serve during the 11:00 AM service. If you enjoy working with children and sharing God's love in a meaningful, joyful way, we'd love for you to be part of this special ministry!

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## Visits with Pastor David: Thursday, May14, 6-8 PM

Do you have something you'd like to ask or discuss with Pastor Wendel? Would you like to connect? Thursday, May14<sup>th</sup> 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!-

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**Summer Worship with a new Musical Setting!** As has been the case in the past, during the summer, we will be using a musical setting which is contemporary, in the sense that it was not composed in the 1500's, or even the 1800's, and is a bit more lyrical and singable—maybe even with a catchy tune you will be humming during the week! The "Mass of Creation" is especially appropriate during the summer months. Of course, the text will be the traditional wording of the historic liturgy but set to a new musical setting. It is composed by Marty Haugen, who also composed the Holden Evening Prayer which so many love, as well as the "Now the Feast and Celebration" liturgy we used last summer! While it may take a couple of Sundays to familiarize ourselves with the new music, it is easily learned and sung!



**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 (September through Memorial Day Weekend)

Adult class also available.

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

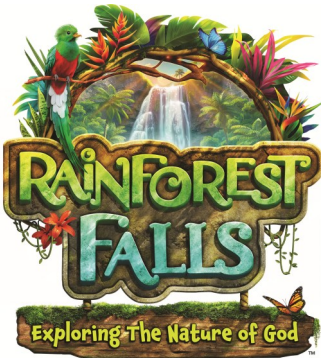
**CONTACT:** Molly King, [m.king@grace43081.org](mailto:m.king@grace43081.org), 614-882-3026

## 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

- May 30, 2-4pm: Westerville Putt Putt
- June 7, OWL Reveal Party (after the 11am service) and Graduate Sunday
- 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



### Registration NOW Open

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

Our program is Monday, July 12-Thursday, July 16, 5:30-8pm.

### COLLECTING ITEMS FOR VBS

We also need lime green tablecloths.

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

- **Adult Education class:** Join our Adult Bible Study for “*Don’t Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table.*” In this video-based study, pastor and bestselling author Louie Giglio explores Psalm 23, offering practical insight on overcoming life’s challenges and finding lasting peace and spiritual security. Facilitated by Bill Kulju, this study began March 1 and meets Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall.
- **Band of Brothers for Younger Men/Working Men-Tuesday, May 12, 6:30 PM-** Our group for younger men/working men will begin a new study on “Systematic Theology,” which has 52 thought-provoking studies to help Christians understand more deeply, core beliefs and teachings

of Holy Scripture. The study is discussion oriented and leans toward “apologetics,” helping us to know how to explain and defend Christian doctrine, as the Word of God encourages us to always be ready to explain the hope we have in Christ, but gently and respectfully,” 1 Peter 3:15.

- **Grace Sisterhood’s** next meeting is **May 11 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 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 meet **Monday, June 1 for their lunch location TBA. Study 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:** All men of Grace Lutheran Church (and friends!) —next meeting **Saturday, May 16, 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 continues Mondays, 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 continues, Pastor Wendel is leading a study of Paul’s Letter to the  
Romans, Mondays, 6:30 PM. If you have hoped for a fuller grasp of Luther and the Lutheran understanding of “justification by grace through faith,” you are welcome!
- **Ruth Circle** will meet in Rose Garden Room #1 on **Monday, May 11 at 1:00 p.m.** We will be discussing our study series on Life’s Challenges. All are welcome.
- **Women’s Bible Study** is on break and will resume 10:30am, Wednesday, June 3.

## HOSPITALITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The Euchre group will meet **Monday, May 18, 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.



**Senior "Social" Moment, Wednesday, May 13th 1:00 PM:** After a fun fieldtrip to the Allen Cottrill Sculpture Gallery in Zanesville in April, our next Senior "Social" Moment will be Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1 PM! All seniors/retired members and friends are invited to our gathering for fellowship and a little fun!



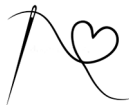
**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Our next Red Cross Blood Drive is Tuesday, May 19 from noon-6pm in the Gathering Space.**

Appointments appreciated and walk-ins after 1pm are accepted! You can schedule an appointment by contacting the Red Cross at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and use our sponsor code: GraceLuthWesterville or call 1-800-Red Cross. Questions? Vanessa Stewart

## OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Attention Grace Stitches! Sunday May 17th is the last day to contribute your Little Dresses for Africa** - Grace Stitcher Shirley Hodeck is planning to drop off our 'stitches of love' in person to the headquarters for Little Dresses for Africa on her trip to the Dakota's! Thank you Shirley for providing us with this 'special delivery'



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

- Broths (Poultry, Beef, Veg)
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Tomatoes
- Cereal
- Condiments/Dressings/Sauces
- Hamburger Helpers
- Paper Products (Paper Towels, Toilet Paper)
- Pasta Sauce
- Salt/Pepper/Seasonings



**WARM**  
Westerville Area Resource Ministry

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.

**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**  
We are scheduled for Westerville Farmers Markets on the following days and need your help to make it a successful community outreach:

- June 20,
- July 18, and
- August 29.

**What is the focus of Intercessory Prayer?** From Donna Dettmann



Many think that most intercessory prayers are prayers of petition and intercession, other areas that are traditionally covered could include:  
Individual concerns of the congregation and our local community.  
For our country, the welfare of the world and all those in authority.  
Those who labor and each of us in our daily callings.  
All those who are suffering in mind, body or spirit.  
How can you ask the Intercessory Prayer Team to join you in your prayer request?

1. There is a Prayer Chest at the back of the church - on a table with prayer request forms and pens. Or use any scrap of paper you may have.
2. What about the Grace website? You can use it from your home, office - anywhere you like: Grace website: [grace43081.org](http://grace43081.org) The link for "Prayer Request" is found on the top right-hand side of the first page.

Your name, as the prayer requestor, is optional.

Let the 19 members of the Intercessory Prayer Team join you in prayer, asking God for your need.

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*Festival of*  
**CHURCH  
MUSIC**

*A Selection of Traditional Favorite Sacred Music & Hymns*



**GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

100 E. Schrock Rd, Westerville, OH 43081

**FREE CONCERT!**

*Sunday, May 17 • 4:00 PM*

VBS

2022



**Registration NOW Open**

**Sunday, July 12- Thursday, July 16**

**5:30-8:00pm**

**Register at  
[www.Grace43081.org](http://www.Grace43081.org)**

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## **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: \_\_\_\_\_

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*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*