

Palm Sunday



March 29, 2026

Welcome to Grace

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRELUDE

"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" - arr. Matthew H. Corl

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" - arr. Barbara Harbach

Announcements

Please stand and face the baptismal font.

Procession with Palms

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
C **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

P Let us pray.
Mercifully assist us, O God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C **Amen.**

The processional Gospel, John 12:12-19 is read.

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

The minister begins the thanksgiving. The members of the congregation raise their branches.

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day He entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in His path.

We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail Him as our Lord and King and follow Him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us go forth in peace,
C **In the name of the Lord.**

The procession begins.

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” is sung as the processional hymn. Children and youth of the church are invited to join in the procession—parents may wish to accompany younger children.

ENTRANCE HYMN “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Please remain standing as the processional hymn concludes. The presiding minister says:

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

The Liturgy of The Word

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

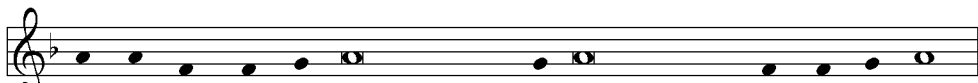
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE



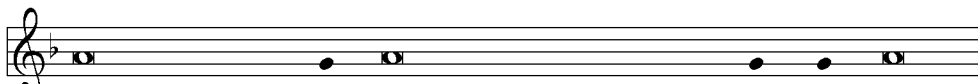
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.




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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



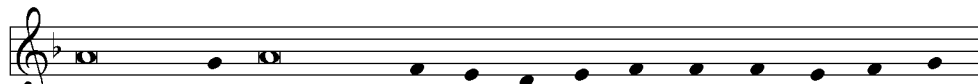
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



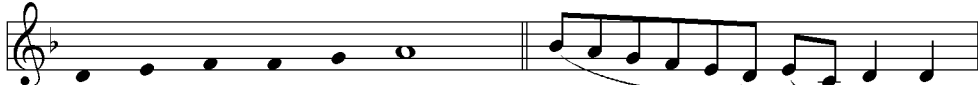
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



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



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.
Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon Him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in His obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The LORD God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The LORD God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷But the LORD God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ^{9a}Behold, the LORD God helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:9-16



In - to your hands, O LORD, I com - mend my spir - it.



L ⁹Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I^l am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat^l and my belly.

C ¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my ¹years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones ¹are consumed.**

L ¹¹I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of ¹my acquaintance;
when they see me in the street ¹they avoid me.

C ¹²**I am forgotten like a dead man, ¹out of mind;
I am as useless as a ¹broken pot. Refrain**

L ¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is ¹all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to ¹take my life.

C ¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in ¹you, O Lord.
I have said, “You ¹are my God.**

L ¹⁵My times are ¹in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who ¹persecute me.

C ¹⁶**Make your face to shine up- ¹on your servant,
and in your loving- ¹kindness save me.” Refrain**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L The word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

LITTLE LAMBS: At this time, Little Lambs Children's Ministry is available for children ages 3 through third grade at both services. 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.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

Cantors: Carleigh Benson (alto), Aiden Kirjack (bass), Joseph Worrell (tenor)

At the words, "But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit," there will be a time of silence, as we contemplate our Savior's death..

After the reading of the Passion, a time of silence for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that man to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for man's a - tone - ment,
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y

by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
 while he noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

THE PRAYERS

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

After each petition:

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

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

C Amen.

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

The Peace

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

C And also with you.

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

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE MEAL

MUSICAL OFFERING

Grace Singers Chancel Choir

"Cup of Sorrow" - arr. Cindy Berry

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

THE OFFERTORY

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

THE LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . *The Presider continues with the preface, concluding:...*we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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



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



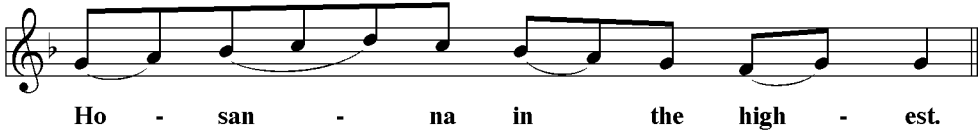
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.
We give thanks to you
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.
- C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

- P 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.

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...

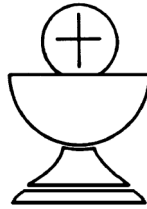
- P Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. *(John 1:29)*
- C **Blessed are those who are invited to the supper of the Lamb!**
(Revelation 19:9)

LAMB OF GOD (*John 1: 29*)

♩ 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. A - men

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

"Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring" - *J. S. Bach*


Andrea Bush - Violin

COMMUNION HYMN

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
 2 How art thou pale with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
 how does that vis - age lan - guish which once was bright as morn!
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
 re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
 Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
 These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
 for he who dies be - liev - ing dies safe - ly in thy love.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;

your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
 oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!
 mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.
 all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?

turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
 "It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
 Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

THE RITE OF SENDING

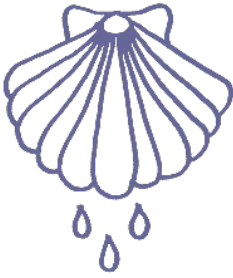
Children Go in peace, serve the Lord!
 C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Linda Hoch

"Choral Postlude on *Go To Dark Gethsemane*" - arr. Robert Graham

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



On Saturday, March 7, we celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Bryan Given. This adult son of God is sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

On Wednesday, March 18, we celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Hunter Oltjenbruns, great-grandson of Janice Hardick. This Child of God is sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.



Please keep Molly and Mike King and their family in your prayers, as Molly's mother, Mary Cooney, passed away peacefully on Monday, March 23, 2026 surrounded by her family.

Romans 14: *Whether we live or whether we die, we belong to the Lord.*

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.

Mid-Week Lenten Service, March 18: 12:15pm: 21; 7:00pm: 38; total: 67

Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 22: 8:15: 60; 11:00: 114; total: 174

MUSIC NOTES

“Ride On, Ride On In Majesty” – arr. Matthew H. Corl

This Palm Sunday hymn was written by Henry Milman (1791-1868), an Anglican clergyman and professor of poetry at Oxford. It was first published in Reginald Heber’s posthumous volume, *Hymns Written and Adapted to the Weekly Service of the Church Year* (1827) and designated for “The Sixth Sunday in Lent”. Milman presents the Passion of Christ with royalty and sees the cross in terms of victory rather than defeat.

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” – arr. Barbara Harbach

The original Latin text by St. Theodulph of Orleans (750-821) is thought to have been written while he was in prison at Angers about 820 or 821. From the tradition that, when King Louis the Pious passed the prison, he heard Theodulph sing the hymn and afterward set him free – the hymn has often been used in Palm Sunday processions. The original Latin consisted of 78 lines which was shortened and translated from the Latin by John Mason Neale (1818-1866). Neale’s translation appeared in *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (1861). Its first printing was in the *Hymnal Noted* (1854) with the first line “Glory, and laud, and honor.”

“Cup of Sorrow” – arr. Cindy Berry

This piece is an expressive, poignant setting of Jesus’ time in the Garden of Gethsemane. The text quotes Luke 22:24, “Not My will but Thine, be done.”

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” – J. S. Bach

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” is the popular English title of the chorale from the 1723 Advent cantata *Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben* (Heart and Mouth and Deed and Life), BWV 147, by Johann Sebastian Bach on the top of Johann Schop’s psalm melody. The chorale occurs twice in the cantata, with different texts each time: as the 6th movement, *Wohl mir, dass ich Jesum habe* (It is well for me that I have Jesus), and again as the 10th movement, *Jesus bleibet meine Freude* (Jesus Remains My Joy).

“Choral Postlude on Go to Dark Gethsemane” – arr. Robert Graham

The author of this hymn, James Montgomery (1771-1820), actually wrote two different versions of this hymn. Both used vivid language to lead us through the awful events of Christ’s suffering – the judgment hall, beatings, climbing Calvary’s mountain, the Crucifixion. But then we are called to hasten to the tomb on Easter to meet the risen Christ who overcame all.

Serving Today

PREACHER/ OFFICIATING	The Rev. Dr. David Wendel
COMMISSIONED LAY MINISTER	Molly King
ASSISTING MINISTER	8:15 Fred Pfanz 11:00 Roger Retherford
ORGANIST	Linda Hoch
SACRISTAN	Fred Pfanz
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Dr. Helen Kang
BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR	Maria Laderman
CELLIST	Tyler Green
CANTOR	Sue Mahrt
ACOLYTE	8:15 Miguel Arreguin 11:00 Ali Milliner
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	8:15 Donna Dettmann, Paul Whitacre 11:00 Cheryl Bush, Tom Seamon
USHERS	8:15 Lisa Kuhar, Kathy Haegele, Vanessa Stewart, Shirley Hodek 11:00 Jim Monroe, Eric Bush, Gregg Rearick
GREETERS	8:15 Ellen Paulus 11:00 Marge Zimmermann
LITTLE LAMBS	8:15 Ellen Paulus 11:00 Amy Quinn
NURSERY ATTENDANTS ALTAR GUILD	Kaitlyn F., Donna P. Team 1- Linda Seamon, Cheryl Bush, Andrea Bush, Jean Claflin, Dorothy Crain, Denise Reynard, Barb and Tom Moser, Ruth Osborn, Jaya Koppera
SOUND TECHNICIANS	Chris Banks, Eric Bush, Dan George, Paul Grant, Brice Graves

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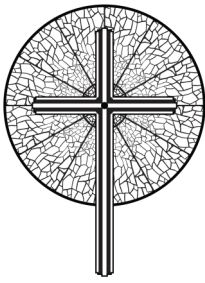
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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church has been serving the Westerville community for more than 115 years, supporting local ministries such as the Westerville Area Resource Ministry, Westerville Partnership Habitat for Humanity, and Westerville CROP Walk.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

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

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



This Week at Grace: March 29– April 5, 2026

Amazing God-- Amazing Grace-- Amazing Worship!

March 29	PALM/PASSION SUNDAY	
	8:15 am	Worship Service
	9:40 am	Sunday School and Confirmation
	9:45 am	Adult Learning (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	5:00 pm	Columbus Blue Jackets vs. Boston Bruins
MON	1:00 pm	Euchre Group (Loaves and Fishes Café)
TUES	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	2:00 pm	Holy Week Service @ Westwood
		Last day to designate 2025 Thrivent Choice®
WED.	10:30 am	Women’s Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	4:30 pm	Baptism: Miki Clark (Sanctuary)
	6:00 pm	Grace Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:30 pm	Grace Singers Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Rose Garden 2&3)
	7:30 pm	Scioto Valley B&PC Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
		Fully Transition to SubSplash Giving (see Online Giving Update)
THURS	MAUNDY THURSDAY	
	12:15 pm	Spoken service
	7:00 pm	Full service with music & singing
	7:30 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
FRI.	GOOD FRIDAY	
	12:15 pm	Spoken Service marking the Biblical Way of the Cross
	7:00 pm	Service with music marking the Biblical Way of the Cross
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
SAT	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
April 5	EASTER SUNDAY Services at 8:15 and 11 AM	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional Worship and Lord’s Supper • Organ, Brass Ensemble and Chancel Choir • Children’s Easter Story-time • Easter Continental Breakfast between services • Professionally-staffed Nursery



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



Reminder: If you have any accounts with Thrivent Financial, you have Thrivent Choice Dollars that you can direct to Grace. However, 2025 dollars must be directed by March 31, at thrivent.com/thriventchoice. Last year we received \$2,599 in Thrivent Choice Dollars grant funding. Thank you so much to those of you who have chosen Grace as your designated recipient.

Online Giving Update



By April 1, 2026, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church is moving our online giving from Vanco to Subsplash. This change will make giving easier and help reduce administrative costs so more funds support ministry.

If you currently have recurring giving set up through Vanco, please create your new giving profile at:

<https://subsplash.com/u/-KJ4PQ7/give> OR scan the QR code

Then cancel your recurring gift in Vanco before April 1.

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

2026 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

"Grace Upon Grace; A Devotional Journey From Ashes to Easter" from the Rev. Dr. David Wendel is now available

to **download** at www.Grace43081.org and to share with others who may be seeking a faithful Lenten resource. Each day includes three readings, Old Testament, Epistle and Gospel, although there is some flexibility, especially when arriving at Holy Week and Easter.

This Lenten devotional is dedicated to the members and friends of Grace Lutheran, Westerville, although I hope others will find it helpful and a useful companion along the Lenten journey from Ash Wednesday to the Festival of the Resurrection of our Lord, Easter Sunday! My prayer is that each day God will share with us, grace upon grace!



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



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



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

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

**HELP
WANTED**

CHRISTIAN GROWTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

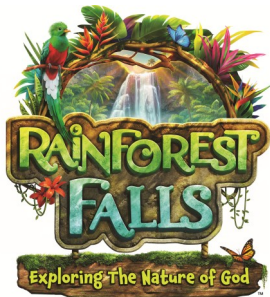
Youth and Family events for 2026

- March 29
 - Columbus Blue Jackets Faith and Family Night, 5pm game vs. Boston Bruins (**Ticket sign-up deadline: March 4**)
- April 11, Game Day-Rescheduled
- April 12, Confirmation
- April 26, Columbus Fury
- May 3, MS & HS Lunch Club
- May 17, OWL Reveal Party
- May 30, Westerville Putt Putt



A few **Lenten offering box** are still available at the Welcome Center and East Narthex to fill with loose change and during Lent. Return it on Easter to support WARM's Bac a Pac program — helping local children facing food insecurity. *Let's multiply blessings together.* Let me know if you have any questions.— Molly King

Thank you! Over the last 2 Sundays, over **425 Easter treat bags** were **packed up** between services to include in WARM's Bac a Pac program for youth to enjoy over Spring Break.



SAVE THE DATE

This year our VBS program is Rainforest Falls, Exploring the Nature of God. Our program is July 12-16.

COLLECTING ITEMS FOR VBS

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

If you have any questions let Molly King know.



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

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

Joyful Voices Youth Choir rehearsal schedule: contact Helen Kang.

Youth & Family Sunday Morning and Worship Resources

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



Nursery Care: For infants through age 6

Enjoy worship, Adult Learning or fellowship in the Loaves and Fishes café while your little ones are lovingly cared for.

Pagers available for parents – we'll page you if needed.

Busy Bags: Keep little hands busy during the service!

Age-appropriate books and activities.

Located on the coat tree by the entrance to the sanctuary.

Children's Bulletins

Engaging bulletins with activities that follow the lectionary.

Available at the **usher's table**.

Little Lambs Children's Ministry

For ages 3 through 3rd grade

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

Available at **both worship services**.

Sunday School

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

Classes for Preschool through High School

Adult class also available



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

BIBLE STUDIES

- **NEW Adult Education class:** Please consider joining the adult bible study for a new study entitled “Don’t Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table”. In this video Bible study, bestselling author and pastor Louie Giglio unpacks Psalm 23 to offer insight into how to overcome the enemy’s lies and find peace and spiritual security in any circumstance. This study is facilitated by Bill Kulju and will begin on **March 1** in the fellowship hall at 9:45am.
- **Band of Brothers:** Our monthly Bible study and fellowship group for younger men/working men, will be Monday, April 15, 6:30 PM. We have one chapter remaining in the Tony Dungy book on being men in today’s world.
- **Grace Sisterhood’s** next meeting is **April 13 at 7pm at The Hoover Bar and Kitchen.** We will continue meeting the 2nd Monday of each month (so mark your new 2026 calendars so you can join in the fellowship). We will be starting a new Bible Study, “Women and Identity” by Adele Ahlberg Calhoun & Tracey D Bianchi. All younger/working women of the congregation (and friends!) are invited and welcome! Contact: Melissa Hodek
- **Katharine Circle** will meet **Monday, April 6 at 1 p.m.** at church to continue our study, "Ambidextrous Christianity." Dorothy Crain will lead Session 6,.Come and join us for study and fellowship! Call Dorothy Crain, 614-264-5304, with questions.
- **Men of Grace Bible Study:** All men of Grace Lutheran Church (and friends!) —next meeting **Saturday, April 18, 8 AM** in the Loaves and Fishes Cafe. We continue the study of the Gospel of Luke! Pastor Wendel facilitates the study. Join us for breakfast, study and fellowship.
- **Ruth Circle** will meet in Rose Garden Room #1 on **Monday, April 13 at 1:00 p.m.** We will be discussing our study series on Life’s Challenges. All are welcome.
- **Wednesday Women's Bible** is studying "The Promise and Power of Easter" By Christine Caine and Lisa Harper. This is a 4 week Bible study of the Lenten season taking in the details of Jesus' life, the agony of His death, and the overwhelming joy of His resurrection. Join us **Wednesday mornings at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall!** You will be warmly welcomed! Interested contact Molly King.

OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Most Needed list:

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



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.

Who is an Intercessor? From Donna Dettmann

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

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

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

1. Use the Prayer Chest is at the back of the church - on the table with prayer request forms and pens.
2. You can also use the Grace website: grace43081.org (The link for "Prayer Request" is found under "More" on the top right-hand side of the first page.) Your name is optional.

IPT members are sent prayer requests to pray daily for 2 weeks and your confidentiality is important to us.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: We had over 40 presenting donors. Our next Red Cross Blood Drive is Tuesday, May 19 from noon-6pm: You can schedule an appointment by contacting the Red Cross at RedCrossBlood.org and use our sponsor code: GraceLuthWesterville or call 1-800-Red Cross. Questions? Vanessa Stewart

Westerville Habitat Partnership is excited to host our second annual Hustle for Habitat 5K race



Saturday, April 18, 2026 at Hoff Woods Park. This 5k run/walk will include 150-200 residents from Westerville and Central Ohio who love Habitat, love running, or just love helping members of their community.

They also love supporting our business partners. As we prepare for this event we are seeking a sponsorships to support these efforts. Please consider or share with others who may want to connect and come RUN with us. \$500 and \$1000 sponsor levels will include 2 race entries. THANK

YOU for your support. Contact: Tabitha Gusler, Member WHP, Hustle for Habitat 5K Committee, 740-504-0669, TabithaG@kw.com

HOSPITALITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Euchre group will meet Monday, March 30, 1pm– A sign-up sheet is at the welcome desk. If you sign-up and need to cancel close to the group's meeting, please reach out to Lois Rumph or Karen Bale.



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

day. If you are planning on attending the Spring Fling, please RSVP to denise.reynard@rocketmail.com.

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

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

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



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

You're Invited!

2026 ANNUAL
**WESTERVILLE COMMUNITY
PRAYER BREAKFAST**

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

Benefitting the Mission of  **WARM**

National Day of Prayer

May 7, 2026

7am-8:30am

Doors open at 6:30am

The Renaissance

409 Altair Pkwy, Westerville

RSVP by April 7

Tickets: \$45 per person

Register at

warmwesterville.org/prayer-breakfast

GUEST SPEAKER
JENNIFER SHAW



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



ASTRALIS
CHAMBER
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April 19, 4pm
Amazing Grace Concert Series
Grace Evangelical
Lutheran Church

The Gate of the Lord

Find the 28 **bold** words from Psalm 118:19–26 (ESV)

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

Open to me the **gates** of **righteousness**, that I may **enter** through them and give **thanks** to the LORD. This is the **gate** of the **LORD**; the **righteous** shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my **salvation**. The **stone** that the **builders rejected** has become the **cornerstone**. This is the **LORD's doing**; it is **marvelous** in our **eyes**. This is the **day** that the LORD has **made**; let us **rejoice** and be **glad** in it. **Save** us, we **pray**, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us **success**! **Blessed** is he who comes in the **name** of the LORD! We **bless** you from the **house** of the LORD.

Living Out Our Mission,

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church offers:

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

And more...

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

Won't you join us?

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How did you find us?

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

Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church!

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

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

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

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

I am a member of _____ Church
City/State _____

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

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

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

Other information you would like to share: _____

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