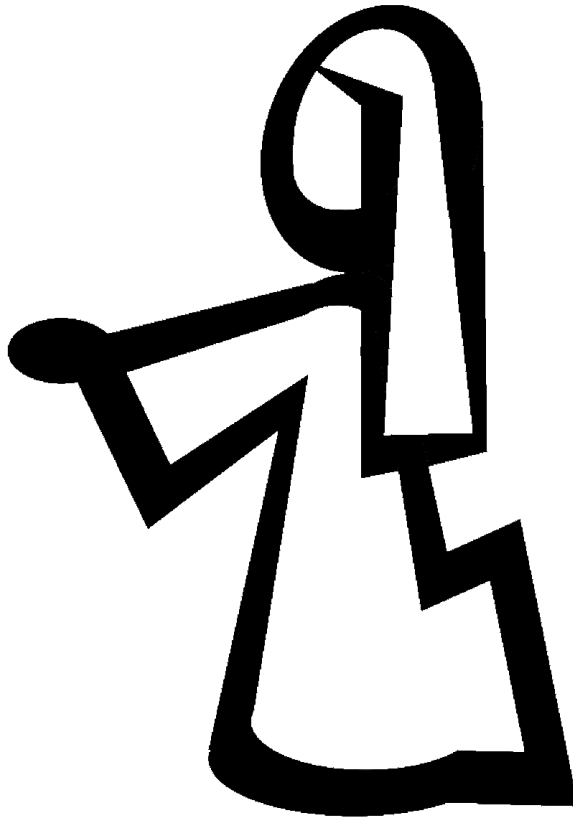


Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost



August 16, 2026

A Prayer Upon Entering

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

(Traditional prayer on the doors of English churches)

Welcome to Grace

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRELUDE

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" - *arr. Ronald A. Nelson*

"Gather Us In" - *arr. John A. Behnke*

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C **Amen.**

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

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

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

C **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN

"Gather Us In"



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



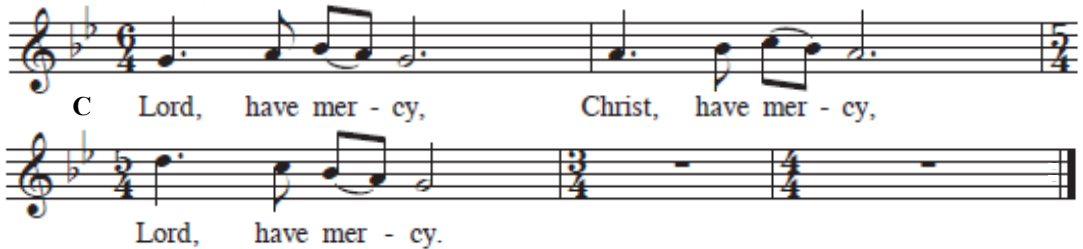
we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

The Liturgy of The Word

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

THE KYRIE



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

HYMN OF PRAISE:

“Glory to God”



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

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

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

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

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

peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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

Lord. you a - lone are the Most High.

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

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

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

peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty Father, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. As disciples of your Son, teach us to love the lost, the lonely and the struggling, that all people will come to Him in faith. For we ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹Thus says the LORD: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed.”

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant — ⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” ⁸The LORD God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

L The Word of the Lord.

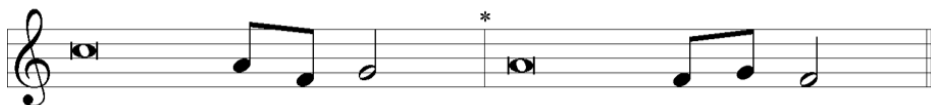
C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 67

Refrain



Psalm Tone



- L ¹May God be merciful to | us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance and | come to us.
- C ²**Let your ways be known | upon earth,
your saving health a- | mong all nations.**
- L ³Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.
- C ⁴**Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations | upon earth. Refrain**
- L ⁵Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.
- C ⁶**The earth has brought | forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give | us his blessing.**
- L ⁷May God give | us his blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in | awe of him. **Refrain**

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

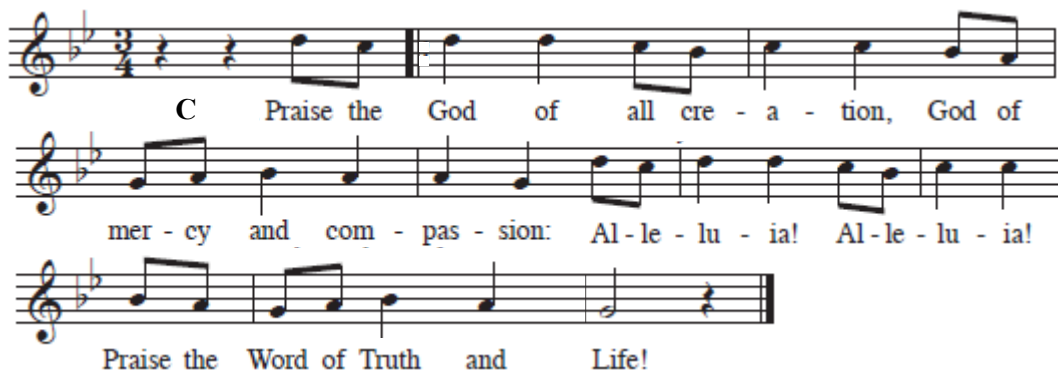
¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ...

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

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

ALLELUIA VERSE (*John 6:68*)



HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the fifteenth chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹Jesus went away from {Gennesaret} and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

LITTLE LAMBS

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

SERMON: "Lord, Help Me!"

The Rev. David Wendel

After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom-ised grace made good;
 3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea - sures of our mind;
 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some-thing more than all:



there's a kind-ness in his jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
 there is mer - cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 and the heart of the e - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
 great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
 There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
 There is plen - ti - ful re - demp-tion in the blood that has been shed;
 If our love were but more sim - ple, we should take him at his word;



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg-ment giv'n.
 there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
 there is joy for all the mem-bers in the sor - rows of the head.
 and our lives would be all sun - shine in the sweet-ness of our Lord.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

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

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

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

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

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

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

After each petition:

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

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

Remember in our prayers... Terry Riesen, Eddie Hardick, Jan Boughton, Lon Landis, David Doll, Don Melick, Tom Zawodny, Betty Milner, Rod Rice, Sue Ross, Mary Ross, Jim Ross

THE PEACE

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

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

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE MEAL

MUSICAL OFFERING

Grace Men's Choir

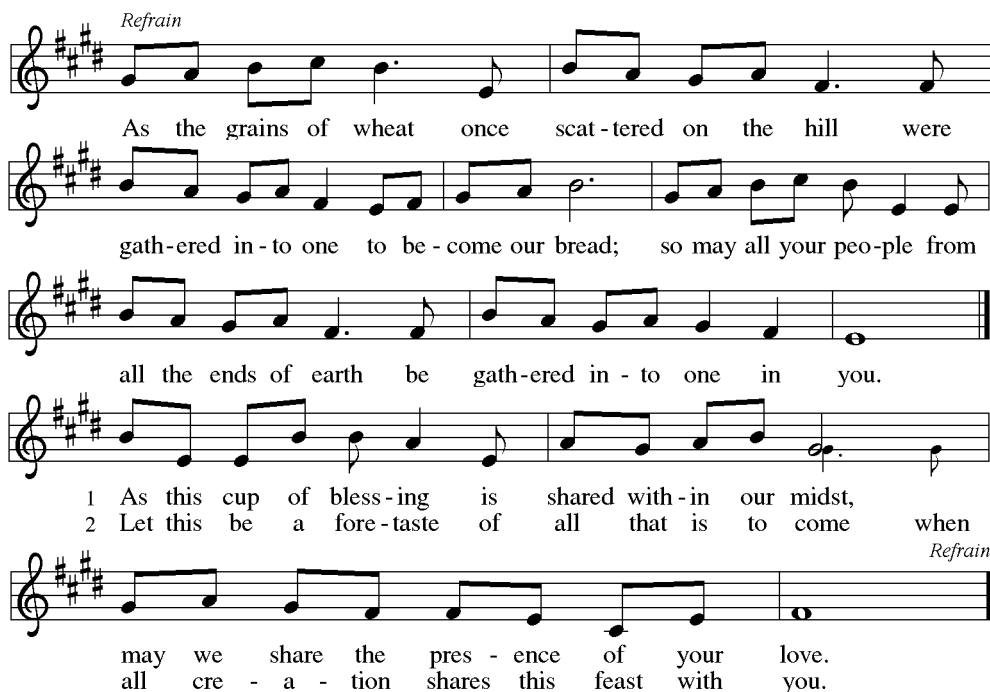
"Come Share the Lord" - Bryan Jeffrey Leech/arr. Keith Christopher

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

THE OFFERTORY

“As The Grains of Wheat”

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

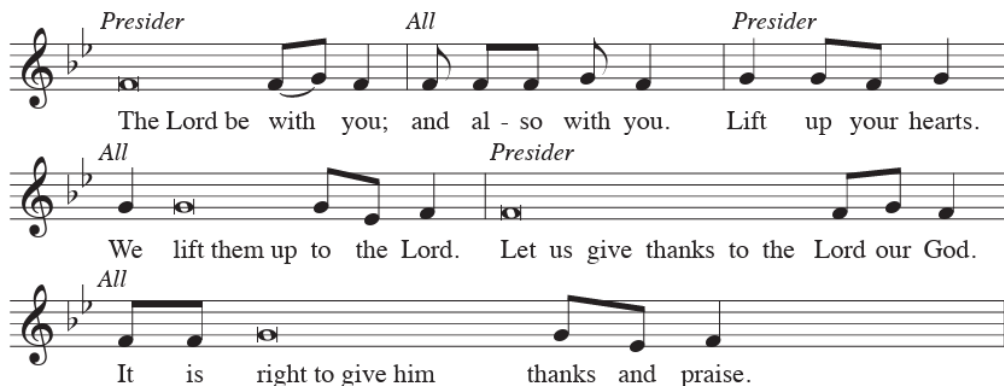
OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

THE LITURGY OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

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

Presider *All* *Presider*



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

All *Presider*

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

All

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

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

4 *Assembly*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,
 God of pow-er, God of might. Heav-en and earth are
 full of your glo-ry: Ho - san - na in the
 high - est! Bless-ed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord; Ho - san - na in the high - est,
 ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Father, you are holy indeed, and all creation rightly gives you praise. All life, all holiness comes from you through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, by the working of the Holy Spirit.
 From ages to age, you gather a people to yourself, so that from east to west, a perfect offering made be made to the glory of your name. And so, Father, we bring you these gifts. We ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit, that they may become the body and blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate this eucharist.

THE WORD OF INSTITUTION

P On the night He was betrayed, He took bread and gave you thanks and praise. He broke the bread, gave it to His disciples and said:
 Take this, all of you and eat it: this is my body which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, He took the cup. Again, He gave you thanks and praise, He gave the cup to His disciples and said:
 Take this, all of you, and drink from it: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and Everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



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

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

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

AMEN



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

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



C Our Fa - ther, who art in heav-en,

hal - low - ed be thy name; thy king-dom come, thy

will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.

Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and for -
 give us our tres - pass - es, as we for - give those who
 tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to temp -
 ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.
 For the king - dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry are yours
 now and for - ev - er - more. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD/THE FRACTION

A time of silence...

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

LAMB OF GOD (*John 1: 29*)



C Je - sus, Lamb of God; _____
 Je - sus, Bread of Life; _____ you take a - way the sin of the
 Je - sus, Prince of Peace; _____

world, have mer - cy on us.

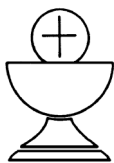
Je - sus, Lamb of God; _____ you take a - way the

sin of the world, grant us your

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 "O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come"

1 O Christ, the heal-er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
 2 From ev - 'ry ail-ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;
 3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;
 4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find

How can we fail to be re-stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
 yet in our hearts we would con-fess that whole-ness is our deep-est need.
 our com - mon life de-clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
 the whole-ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man-kind.

COMMUNION MUSIC "The Sacred Hour" - Felix Mendelssohn/arr. George Blake

Linda Hoch- Organ

After all have communed, please stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

C Amen.

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

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



RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum-mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad-ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

The hymn is written for four parts: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating the melody spans multiple syllables. The hymn is divided into three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line.

pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un - to me.

THE RITE OF SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" - *arr. David Cherwien*

Linda Hoch

Offering: An offering plate will be placed by the baptismal font for offerings to be presented

during the offering procession. Offerings may be placed in the plate before or after the service.

Flowers are given by...

David and Susan Wendel in celebration of David's 45th anniversary of ordination.

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

WELCOME



Scan to *Simply Give*

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

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

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

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost, August 9: 8:15: 88; 11:00: 108; total: 196

MUSIC NOTES

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" – arr. Ronald A. Nelson

Frederick W. Faber (1814-1863), of Huguenot ancestry and strict training in Calvinism, moved from priesthood in the Anglican Church to the Roman Catholic Church in 1846. He wrote 150 hymns, corresponding to the number of psalms. He tried to emulate William Cowper, John Newton, and the Wesleys, and this hymn in part matches their simplicity and evangelical fervor. Originally in 13 stanzas, the hymn was called "Come to Jesus" and began "Souls of men, why will ye scatter like a crowd of frightened sheep?"

"Gather Us In" – arr. John A. Behnke

Marty Haugen (b. 1950) was inspired to write this hymn in 1979 after he sang what he calls "the wonderful hymn from the Netherlands, 'What Is This Place' (ELW 524)". At that occasion, he says:

"a presenter had described how the Dutch writer Huub Oosterhuis and his colleague, Bernard Huijbers, had created worship music for a creative Amsterdam church. The lyrics, in keeping

with an incarnational understanding of God's presence, are very concrete in 'What Is This Place' – walls, roof, floor, windows. I wanted to experiment with how an American worship community might similarly understand gathering together in Christ's presence." Haugen composed both the text and tune for this hymn, which first appeared in the collection *Gather Us In* (1983).

"Come Share the Lord" – Bryan Jeffrey Leech/arr. Keith Christopher

This hymn was written by Bryan Jeffrey Leech (b. 1931). He was born in Middlesex, England and came to the United States in 1955 to study at Barrington College and North Park Seminary. He was ordained in 1961 and served in the Covenant Church. He has composed more than 500 songs. His text for this hymn draws from numerous scriptural references from Matthew, Mark, Luke, 1 Corinthians, 1 Thessalonians, and Revelation relating to the institution of the Lord's Supper, the wedding banquet, and the forgiveness of sins.

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" – arr. David Cherwien

The text for this hymn was written by Thomas O. Chisholm (1866-1960) in 1923. According to him, there were no special circumstances which caused its writing – just his experience and Bible truth. The hymn first appeared in *Songs of Salvation and Service* (1923), compiled by William M. Runyan (1870-1957). Chisholm had sent this hymn to his friend Runyan who composed the tune in 1923. The first line of the hymn is a quotation from Lamentations 3:23, and "no shadow of turning" right after that comes from James 1:17.

God Shall Bless Us

Find the 23 **bold** words from Psalm 67 (ESV).

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May God be **gracious** to us and **bless** us and make his **face** to **shine** upon us, *Selah* that **your way** may be **known** on **earth**, your **saving power** among all nations. Let the peoples **praise** you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Let the nations be **glad** and **sing** for **joy**, for you **judge** the peoples with **equity** and **guide** the nations upon earth. *Selah* Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! The earth has **yielded** its **increase**; God, **our God**, shall bless us. God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth **fear him**!

Serving Today

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CANTOR	Steve Kile
LECTOR	8:15 Donna Dettmann 11:00 Roger Retherford
USHERS	8:15 Bill Kulju, Aaron Singleton, Jim Caldwell 11:00 Jim Monroe, Eric Bush, Gregg Rearick
GREETERS	8:15 Aaron and Heather Singleton 11:00 Joanne Figge
LITTLE LAMBS	8:15 Julie Young 11:00 Amy Quinn
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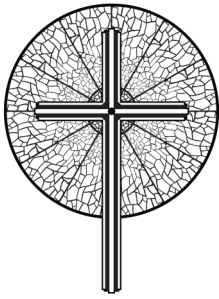
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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church has been serving the Westerville community for more than 115 years, supporting local ministries such as the Westerville Area Resource Ministry, Westerville Partnership Habitat for Humanity, and Westerville CROP Walk. Grace also provides weekly meeting space for five AA groups.

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

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



This Week at Grace: Aug. 16-23, 2026

Amazing God-- Amazing Grace-- Amazing Worship!

August 16

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

8:15 am Worship Service

11:00 am Worship Service

MON 4:30 pm English Garden Board Meeting (Loaves and Fishes Café)
6:30 pm Monday Evening Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

TUES 5:00 pm Grace Care Team Picnic @ Heritage Park Shelter House
6:30 pm Council Meeting (Rose Garden 2&3)
8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WED. 10:30 am Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

THURS 10:00 am Staff Meeting
6:15 pm Supper Club @ Polaris Rusty Bucket
6:30 pm Dartball Practice
7:30 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

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

SAT 9:30 am AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

August 23 **Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

8:15 am Worship Service

11:00 am Worship Service

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

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



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

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

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



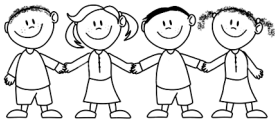
All middle school and high school youth are invited to our first reorganized **Grace Youth Group (GYG)** gathering on **Rally Day!** We'll meet immediately following the church picnic and gather until 3:00 PM.

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

"Help Wanted: Altar Guild Leader(s) Needed!" Are you someone who loves the Lord, cherishes the Lord's Supper and the blessing of worship? Our long-time and much appreciated Altar Guild leader, Vanessa Stewart, would like to step down. We are looking for a person, persons or perhaps two couples who would like to be leader or co-leaders of our Altar Guild! Everything we do at Grace Lutheran Church revolves around God's grace, offered to us freely in Word and Sacrament. Our Altar Guild lovingly, prayerfully and respectfully prepares our church and sanctuary for worship so that the faithful can gather to receive God's gifts of grace. Perhaps current Altar Guild members would consider serving as leader or there may be others in the congregation who are looking for a way to become more involved! If you are interested or have questions, please see Vanessa or Pastor Wendel. We are hoping to have a new Altar Guild leader or leaders trained and in place by September! Thanks for prayerfully considering whether God might be calling you to serve in this way! **-Pr.DW**



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



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



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

YOUTH & FAMILY SUNDAY MORNINGS & WORSHIP RESOURCES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BIBLE STUDIES & FAITH FORMATION

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

- **SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS-** The adult class will begin our Fall session on August 30th at 9:45 in the fellowship hall and is facilitated by Bill Kulju. Our first study is titled “NOOMA” - The word NOOMA is a phonetic spelling of the Greek word pneuma, which means wind or spirit. This study is a series of short Christian films featuring author and speaker Rob Bell. Each short video blends everyday life events with teachings about God, Jesus, and our faith. This series is designed to start discussions rather than provide all the answers.
- **Grace Sisterhood’s** next meeting is **September 14 at 7pm at The Hoover Bar and Kitchen.** We will continue meeting the 2nd Monday of each month (so mark your calendars so you can join in the fellowship). We are studying, “Women and Identity” by Adele Ahlberg Calhoun & Tracey D Bianchi. All younger/working women of the congregation (and friends!) are invited and welcome! Contact: Melissa Hodek
- **Katharine Circle will resume in the fall.** Come and join us for study and fellowship! Call Dorothy Crain, 614-264-5304, with questions.
- **Men of Grace Bible Study, Saturday September 19th, 8 AM.** At the last Men of Grace study in July, the men completed the chapter and verse study of the Gospel of Luke! We will begin studying the Gospel of Mark on September 19th, as our lectionary will begin using Mark’s writing as our gospel lessons beginning Advent 1, November 29th. All men of the church (and friends) are invited to join in this monthly study!
- **Monday Evening Bible Study resumes August 3rd, 6:30 PM** for a four-session study on “What Lutherans Really Believe”. We will take a brief break and then resume Monday evening Bible study on September 14th, (Holy Cross Day!), 6:30 PM. Following our spring study on Romans, we will begin with the so-called “Corinthian Correspondence,” beginning with Paul’s first letter to the Christians in Corinth. These letters are quite personal, as Paul had a relationship with this congregation, and writes to address conflict in which had arisen in Corinth. As the apostle deals with this division, he also provide for us his great teachings on the power and wisdom of God versus the foolishness of humans, sexual immorality in the Church, the body as a temple of the Holy Spirit, instructions regarding marriage, the institution of the Lord’s Supper and the meaning of it, leading to what is really the capstone of the epistle, his teaching on the gifts of the Spirit, especially faith, hope and love! Sign up at the Welcome desk at church or on

the Grace app!

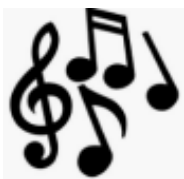
- **Ruth Circle will resume in the fall.**
- **Wednesday, Women's Bible study meets at 10:30 am.** If you are interested see Pr. David Wendel or email at d.wendel@grace43081.org.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Youth and Family Events

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



Grace Ringers Bell Choir: Contact Maria Laderman.

Grace Singers Chancel Choir: contact Helen Kang.

Joyful Voices Youth Choir rehearsal schedule: contact Helen Kang.

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

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



The Day Camp will be at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 100 E. Schrock Rd, Westerville, OH! Children and teens have an innate joy and creativity often expressed by singing. Studies show music offers a multitude of benefits, including improved language skills, enhanced memory, healthy emotional development and increased self-confidence—and it's fun!

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

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



Handbell Petting Zoo Sunday, August 30th at 9:45am between services in the sanctuary. Come explore the wonderful world of handbells! Our Handbell Petting Zoo is a fun, hands-on opportunity for teens and adults to touch, hold, and try ringing real handbells. Learn the basics of proper ringing technique, discover how different bells create different notes, and experience what it's like to make music as a handbell ringer. No musical experience is needed for the Petting Zoo! Just curiosity and a willingness to give it a ring! In addition, Grace Ringers is looking to expand our roster. If you can read basic music and keep up with the beat, handbells may be a great new hobby! Attend the Petting Zoo or contact Maria Laderman directly.



HOSPITALITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



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



April 18, 2026 at Hoff Woods Park in Westerville



Pampered Chef Fundraiser benefiting Westerville Habitat Partnership:

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

We hope to raise \$1200 this year, as the need for affordable housing is still growing. Will you help us? **To place an order, type in this order link** <https://tinyurl.com/WHP2026> **or use the QR code**

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

CHURCH GREETERS– By Denise Reynard



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

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

1. Shaping First Impressions

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

service.

2. Providing Practical Guidance

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

3. Fostering Community Connection

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

4. Reflecting Gospel Hospitality

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

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

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

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

seniors, or those who have a hard time getting to worship each week, please reach out, invite them to come and if possible, pick them up and bring them to church!

SAVE THE DATE:

Who: Everyone

What: Rally around the Cross Church Picnic

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

Where: Here at Grace Lutheran Church, outside weather permitting

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

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

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



we will need.

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

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



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



On July 16, Grace Supper Club dined at Claudiana Italian Restaurant and had a wonderful evening of fellowship together. In August we have a reservation at Rusty Bucket Restaurant and Tavern on Thursday, August 20 for 6:15 p.m. Rusty Bucket is located at 400 Polaris Parkway, Westerville 43082. In order for us to have an accurate headcount, we ask that you sign up in advance and include the total number in your party. A sign up sheet is available at the Welcome Center Desk. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!** Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Any questions, please see either Bev Grubb or Tami Stone.



Open Practice Session for Dartball Season - from Captain Chris Banks. The season will begin on Thursday, August 27. In preparation, there will be an optional open practice on Thursday, August 20 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Gathering Space. We're always looking for new players! If interested, stop on by on the 20th, or reach out to Chris. All games are on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to around 9:00. For away games, we meet at the church at 6:30 and carpool to churches in Pickerington, Grove City, Obetz, and Reynoldsburg to name a few. The season runs through early March.



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

OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS



SAVE the DATE for SERVICE

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

FIRST FRUITS SUNDAYS Let all that you do be done in love”. (1 Corinthians 16:14) August
Most Needed list: Body Lotion; Cereal; Deodorant; Low Salt Canned Vegetables; Paper Towels; Pasta Sauce; Pudding/Jello Mix; Shaving Cream; Sugar (Brown/Granulated); Toilet Paper; Vinegar. We cannot accept food that has reached its expiration date. Any fresh produce, baked goods and dairy products take directly to Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM). Make Checks Payable to: Grace Lutheran Church, memo notation for WARM. Blessings to all who are making this a part of your regular tithes and offerings.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Our next Red Cross Blood Drive is Tuesday, September 15 from noon-6pm in the Gathering Space.

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

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

GRACE
Intercessory
Prayer Team

Intercessory Prayer Team: From Donna Dettmann

What did Martin Luther have to say about prayer:

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



The Intercessory Prayer Team is here for you to ask for your need (the Bible says – “Ask”). All prayer requests are prayed daily, for two weeks. Confidentiality of your prayer request is very important to the IPT and you can remain anonymous.

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

You will find a locked prayer chest at the back of the church on a table with prayer request forms and pens. Just fill out a form and put your request in the

locked prayer chest. (Yes, we will take any piece of paper you can find to write your request on.)

Prayer requests can also be sent through the Grace website: (grace43081.org) The “prayer request” link is found on the top righthand side of the first page of the website.

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



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

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

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30%
OF TOTAL SALES
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TO WESTERVILLE
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SHOP NOW THROUGH
AUGUST 30!

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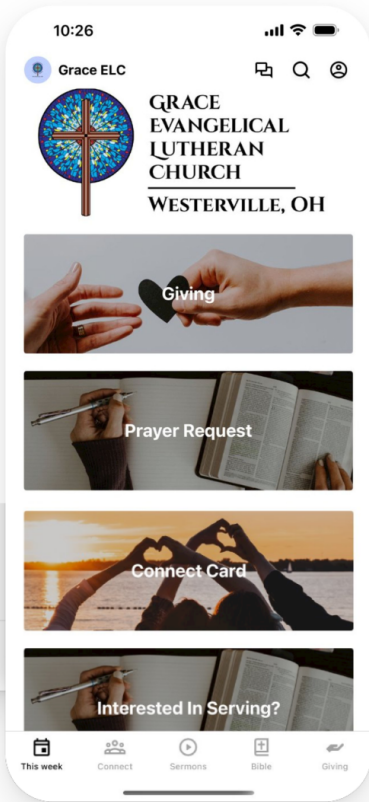
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God Shall Bless Us

Find the 23 **bold** words from Psalm 67 (ESV).

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

May God be **gracious** to us and **bless** us and make his **face** to **shine** upon us, *Selah* that **your way** may be **known** on **earth**, your **saving power** among all nations. Let the peoples **praise** you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Let the nations be **glad** and **sing for joy**, for you **judge** the peoples with **equity** and **guide** the nations upon earth. *Selah* Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! The earth has **yielded** its **increase**; God, **our God**, shall bless us. God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth **fear him**!



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