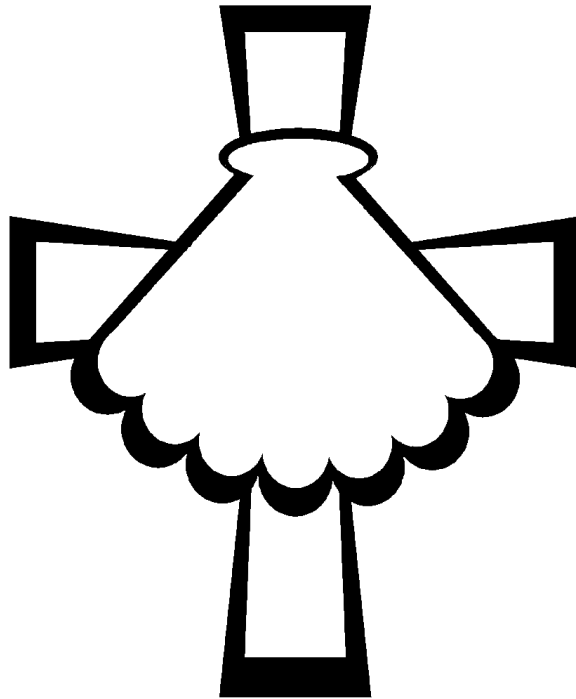


Third Sunday of Easter



April 19, 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

"Prelude on *Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise*" - arr. Charles Callahan

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" - arr. Wilbur Held

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

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

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** (1 John 1: 8-9)

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P Merciful Father,
C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

(John 20: 23)

C **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;
 he lives to plead for me above;
 he lives my hungry soul to feed;
 he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 he lives, and I shall conquer death;
 he lives my mansion to prepare;
 he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 he lives and loves me to the end;
 he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
 he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;
 what joy this blest assurance gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

The Liturgy of The Word

THE INVITATORY AND APOSTOLIC GREETING

P Christ is risen!

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

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

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE



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



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



Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



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

HYMN OF PRAISE

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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, in the Holy Scriptures and the Breaking of the Bread, Jesus has revealed Himself to us, and our hearts burn within us. Give us grace and courage to follow Him always, even Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

³⁶“Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-12

Refrain



Psalm Tone



L ¹I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my | supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I | called upon him.

C ²**The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took | hold of me;
I came to | grief and sorrow.**

L ³Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray you, | save my life.”

C ⁴**Gracious is the | LORD and righteous;
our God is full | of compassion. Refrain**

L ⁵The LORD watches | over the innocent;
I was brought very low, | and he helped me.

C ⁶**Turn again to your rest, | O my soul,
for the LORD has treat- | ed you well.**

L ⁷For you have rescued my | life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling.

C ⁸**I will walk in the presence | of the LORD
in the land | of the living. Refrain**

L ⁹I believed, even when I said, “I have been brought | very low.”
In my distress I said, “No one | can be trusted.”

C ¹⁰**How shall I re- | pay the LORD
for all the good things he has | done for me?**

L ¹¹I will lift up the cup | of salvation
and call upon the name | of the LORD.

C ¹²**I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all his people. Refrain**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-25

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you

have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

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

ALLELUIA VERSE (*John 6:68*)

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

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹³That very day two of {Jesus' followers} were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

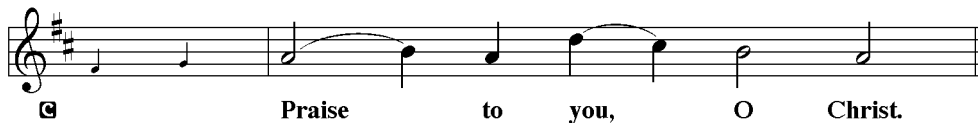
¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them.

¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.

²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. ²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other,

“Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?”³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together,³⁴ saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!”³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



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: “In the Breaking of the Bread!”

The Rev. Dr. David Wendel

After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Thine the Amen"



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
 3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
 4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
 thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
 thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
 then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
 thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
 thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

THE NICENE CREED

**C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
 And of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God,
 Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father,
 By whom all things were made:
 Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven,
 And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
 And was made man;
 And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried;
 And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
 And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
 And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead;
 Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life,
 Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
 Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
 Who spake by the Prophets.
 And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.
 And I look for the Resurrection of the dead,
 And the Life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

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

After each petition:

A Lord, in your mercy;

C Hear our prayer.

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

C Amen.

Remember in our prayers... *Katie Singleton, Linda Slates, Rich Meneley, Twyla Ridder, Jennifer Rockwood, Don Melick, Tom Zawodny, Ernestine Dietz, Betty Milner, Amy Seifert Unkefer, 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

8:15 "See, What a Morning" - *Keith Getty and Stuart Townend/ arr. Mary McDonald and Larry Shackley (Martha Crist - Piano, Linda Hoch - Organ)*

11:00 "Down to the River to Pray" - *arr. Mary McDonald (Grace Singers Chancel Choir)*

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)

☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.

☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☑ 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)*

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

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

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

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
 Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
 You have filled all creation with light and life;
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations.
 You rescued Israel, your chosen people.
 Through the prophets you renewed your promise;
 and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son,
 who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom
 and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.
 In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.
 Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.
 For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
 we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
- P Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup
 we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
 And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power
 to share with us the great and promised feast.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
 the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection,
 that we who receive the Lord's body and blood
 may live to the praise of your glory
 and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.
- C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

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

☩ Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty
of the Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is
yours, al - might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men

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

C **Our Father,**
who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD/THE FRACTION

A time of silence...

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

C **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

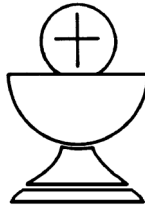
LAMB OF GOD *(John 1: 29)*

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

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS



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

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

Private prayer before receiving Holy Communion:

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

Private prayer after receiving Holy Communion:

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

COMMUNION HYMN

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - jice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

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.

A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN "With High Delight Let Us Unite"

1 With high de - light let us u - nite in
 2 True God, he first from death has burst forth
 3 Let prais - es ring; give thanks, and bring to

songs of great ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, all
 in - to life, all sub - du - ing. His en - e - my now
 Christ our Lord ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed by

bear your part, sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To
 van - quished see; his death has been death's un - do - ing. "And
 word and deed to ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So

set us free for - ev - er, he is ris'n and sends to
 yours shall be like vic - to - ry o'er death and grave," says
 shall his love give us a - bove, from mis - er - y and



all earth's ends good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
 he, who gave his life for us, life re - new - ing.
 death set free, all joy and full con - so - la - tion.

THE RITE OF SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

Linda Hoch

"With High Delight Let Us Unite" - arr. Paul Laubengayer

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

Flowers are given by...

Lois Rumph n memory of parents.

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.



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- Scan the QR code to *Simply Give* today.

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

Second Sunday of Easter/Confirmation, April 19: 8:15: 72; 11:00: 150; total: 222

MUSIC NOTES

“Prelude on *Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise*” – arr. Charles Callahan

Herbert Brokering (1926-2009) wrote this hymn at Holden Village, the retreat center for renewal in the Cascade Mountains near Chelan, Washington. It was the tenth hymn he wrote in as many days in the summer of 1981. Each morning, Walter Bouman (a Lutheran pastor and teacher), led a Bible study, and on the following morning it was reviewed through the singing of a hymn by Brokering, who said, “We *sang* each study the following morning. This hymn is on the great eucharistic theology in Revelation. It was to be a *then* to the *now*.”

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” – arr. Wilbur Held

The text for this hymn was written by Samuel Medley (1738-1799), a former British sailor converted by reading a sermon by Isaac Watts and who later served as a Baptist minister. Thirteen times he repeats the phrase, “He lives!”, making a great crescendo of the passage from Job 19:25, “I know that my Redeemer lives” – the heart of the Easter message.

“See, What a Morning” – Keith Getty and Stuart Townend/ arr. Mary McDonald and Larry Shackley

This collaboration by songwriters Keith Getty and Stuart Townend resulted in a story song of the Resurrection story. The high energy of the song is meant to convey the immediacy of the Easter morning experience, and how that morning changed history forever.

“Down to the River to Pray” – arr. Mary McDonald

This dynamic medley captures the spirit and message of two popular songs that deal with the significance of prayer for the individual believer and the church as a whole. The spiritual *Down to the River to Pray* is seamlessly combined with Ken Medema's *Lord, Listen to Your Children*.

“With High Delight Let Us Unite” – arr. Paul Laubengayer

This hymn by Georg Vetter (1536-1599) was included in the Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengeseng* (1566). Martin H. Franzman (1907-1976), a Lutheran pastor, teacher and hymn writer, translated it into English. His translation was first included in the *Worship Supplement* (1969) before it made its way into the *Lutheran Book of Worship* (1978). This is a jubilant Easter hymn that gives expression to the explosive song spawned by the freedom from, and death of, death obtained by Christ's death and resurrection.

The Land of the Living

Find the 39 **bold** words from Psalm 116:5-14 (ESV).

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

Gracious is the **LORD**, and **righteous**; our **God** is **merciful**. The **LORD** **preserves** the **simple**; when I was brought **low**, he **saved** me. **Return**, O my **soul**, to your **rest**; for the **LORD** has **dealt** **bountifully** with you. For you have **delivered** my soul from **death**, my **eyes** from **tears**, my **feet** from **stumbling**; I will **walk** before the **LORD** in the **land** of the **living**. I **believed**, even when I spoke: “I am greatly **afflicted**”; I said in my **alarm**, “All **mankind** are **liars**.” What shall I **render** to the **LORD** for all his **benefits** to me? I will **lift** up the **cup** of **salvation** and **call** on the **name** of the **LORD**, I will **pay** my **vows** to the **LORD** in the **presence** of all his **people**.

Serving Today

PREACHER/ OFFICIATING	The Rev. Dr. David Wendel
COMMISSIONED LAY MINISTER	Molly King
ASSISTING MINISTER	8:15 Fred Pfanz 11:00 Andrea Bush
ORGANIST	Linda Hoch
SACRISTAN	Fred Pfanz
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Dr. Helen Kang
BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR	Maria Laderman
LECTOR	8:15 Jim Caldwell 11:00 Andy Laderman
CANTOR	Julie Hotchkiss
ACOLYTE	8:15 Camden Strete 11:00 Alison Milliner
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	8:15 Donna Dettmann, Regina Place 11:00 Eric Bush, Heather Bush
USHERS	8:15 Jim Caldwell, Paul Whitacre, Robert Ayers, Ted Ray 11:00 Jeremy Clark, Jim Claflin, Paul Hotchkiss
LITTLE LAMBS	8:15 Julie Young 11:00 Amy Quinn
NURSERY ATTENDANTS	Kaitlyn F., Donna P.
ALTAR GUILD	Team 2: Julie Hartfelder, Karen Bale, Tami Banks, Carolyn Rearick, Sue Miller, Bonnie Sawyer, Marge Cepek, JoAnn Slemmer
SOUND TECHNICIANS	Chris Banks, Eric Bush, Dan George, Paul Grant, Brice Graves

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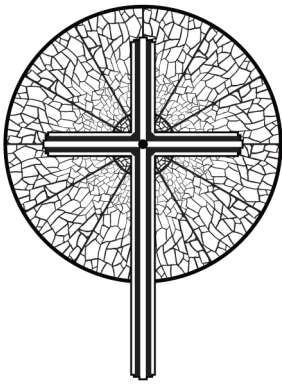
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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church has been serving the Westerville community for more than 115 years, supporting local ministries such as the Westerville Area Resource Ministry, Westerville Partnership Habitat for Humanity, and Westerville CROP Walk.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

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

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



This Week at Grace: April 19-26, 2026

Amazing God-- Amazing Grace-- Amazing Worship!

April 19

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

12:30 pm Secret Sister Gathering After Second Service (Rose Garden 2 & 3)
4:00 pm Amazing Grace Astralis Trio Concert (Sanctuary)

MON

6:30 pm Monday Night Bible Study on Romans
Extended deadline for April 26, 2pm Columbus Fury tickets

TUES

10:30 am Senior "Social" Moments: Trip to Sculpture Museum
6:30 pm Council Meeting
8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WED.

10:30 am Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 pm Grace Singers Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Rose Garden 2&3)
7:30 pm Scioto Valley B&PC Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURS

11am-9pm Westerville Habitat Partnership Fundraiser @ City BBQ
7:00 pm Music and Worship Meeting (Loaves and Fishes Café)
7:30 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

FRI.

8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SAT

10:30 am Visitation
11:00 am Funeral: Pete Otteson (Sanctuary)
reception following (Fellowship Hall)
8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

April 26

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:15 am Worship Service
9:40 am Sunday School and Confirmation
9:45 am Adult Learning (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 am Worship Service
2:00 pm Columbus Fury Game (Ticket deadline, April 20)
5-9pm Columbus Rings Concert Rehearsal
6-8pm Lakeside Forest HOA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Date	Upcoming Events
April 25 (Sat)	11am- Funeral Pete Otteson
April 26 (Sun)	2pm: Columbus Fury Event (Extended ticket deadline April 20)
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

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



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

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.



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**



YOUTH & FAMILY SUNDAY MORNINGS & WORSHIP RESOURCES

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

NURSERY CARE (INFANTS – AGE 6)

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

Pagers available for parents if needed.

BUSY BAGS

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

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS

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

LITTLE LAMBS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 3 – 3RD GRADE)

Children leave worship after the Gospel reading for a fun, age-appropriate Bible lesson.
They return during the offering for Holy Communion.
Offered at both worship services.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (PRESCHOOL – HIGH SCHOOL)

Sundays, 9:40 – 10:30 AM (September through Memorial Day Weekend)
Adult class also available.

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

CONTACT: Molly King, m.king@grace43081.org, 614-882-3026

CHRISTIAN GROWTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Youth and Family Events

- April 26, Columbus Fury, 2pm (Extended ticket deadline April 20)
- May 3, MS & HS Lunch Club
- May 17, OWL Reveal Party
- May 30, Westerville Putt Putt
- June 27, Family Movie Night
- July 12-16, Vacation Bible School program Rainforest Falls, Exploring the Nature of God
- July 26, Lunch Club
- August 8, Day at the park
- August 14 Clippers Game
- September 12, Columbus Crew soccer game
- September 13, Rally Day



SAVE THE DATE

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

Our program is July 12-16.

COLLECTING ITEMS FOR VBS

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

If you have any questions let Molly King know.



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

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

Joyful Voices Youth Choir rehearsal schedule: contact Helen Kang.

BIBLE STUDIES

- **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.
- **Grace Sisterhood’s** next meeting is **May 11 at 7pm at The Hoover Bar and Kitchen**. We will continue meeting the 2nd Monday of each month (so mark your new 2026 calendars so you can join in the fellowship). We are studying, “Women and Identity” by Adele Ahlberg Calhoun & Tracey D Bianchi. All younger/working women of the congregation (and friends!) are invited and welcome! Contact: Melissa Hodek
- **Katharine Circle** will meet **Monday, May 4 at 1 p.m.** at church to continue our study, "Ambidextrous Christianity." Come and join us for study and fellowship! Call Dorothy Crain, 614-264-5304, with questions.
- **Men of Grace Bible Study:** All men of Grace Lutheran Church (and friends!) —next meeting **Saturday, May 16, 8 AM** in the Loaves and Fishes Cafe. We continue the study of the Gospel of Luke! Pastor Wendel facilitates the study. Join us for breakfast, study and fellowship.
- **Monday Night Bible Study of Romans, continues Mondays at 6:30 PM!** As a young monk, Martin Luther struggled with his own sinfulness, leading to his search for a truly gracious, forgiving God. As Luther’s confessor and Father Superior at the Augustinian monastery in Erfurt, Johann von Staupitz believed Luther’s inner angst would be relieved by his study of Holy Scripture. Staupitz sent young Father Martin to study at the University of Wittenberg, Germany. In his studies, Luther continually questioned the phrase, “the righteousness of God,” Romans 1:17. Habakkuk 2:4, that “The just shall live by faith,” opened Luther’s eyes to a new, more complete understanding of Romans 1:17, resulting in his conviction that the Bible proclaims that we are saved by faith in Jesus Christ alone! Finally, Luther came to cherish Paul’s Epistle to the Romans as above all other New Testament books, as it proclaimed the “purest Gospel.” Luther recommended that Romans should be known by heart and studied daily!

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

- **Ruth Circle** will meet in Rose Garden Room #1 on **Monday, May 11 at 1:00 p.m.** We will be discussing our study series on Life’s Challenges. All are welcome.

HOSPITALITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Euchre group will meet **Monday, April 27, 1pm–** A sign-up sheet is at the welcome desk. If you sign-up and need to cancel close to the group’s meeting,

please reach out to Lois Rumph or Karen Bale.



Senior “Social” Moment April 21, 10:30 AM: A field trip to the Allen Cottrill Sculpture Gallery in Zanesville! All seniors and senior friends of Grace Lutheran Church are invited to our field trip to the Allen Cottrill Sculpture Gallery in Zanesville. We will meet at the church at 10:30 AM, arrive in Zanesville in time for lunch, then tour the museum. Cost is \$2 donation per person. We will then return to the church no later than 4 PM. Please sign-up at the Welcome desk at church. If you are willing to drive and take a few passengers, please inform Pastor Wendel!

OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Canned Fruit
- Canned Meat
- Canned Tomatoes (Diced, Paste, Sauce)
- Cereal
- Condiments (salad dressing, ketchup, mustard, mayo, BBQ sauce)
- Flour
- Paper Products (Paper Towels, Toilet Paper)
- Sugar



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

FOOD/HYGIENE MONTHLY TOTAL= 172 lbs.; YEAR TO DATE TOTAL=801 lbs.
MONTHLY MONETARY= \$1,180.00; YEAR TO DATE TOTAL MONETARY= \$3,171.50



Join us for a City Barbeque fundraiser supporting: WESTERVILLE HABITAT PARTNERSHIP Thursday, 4/23/2026 | All day City Barbeque 600 South State Street Columbus, OH 43081 IF YOU ARE NOT DINING IN-STORE, USE ONLINE CODE: GIVE

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



Team: Joanne Figge, Ellen Paulus, or Sarah Odum



Intercessors are PERSISTANT!: By Donna Dettmann

- Intercessory prayer does not give up.
- It endures all setbacks and overcomes obstacles.
- It’s prayer that “presses on” to attain God’s will in whatever situation you are facing.
- Prayer is the key to finding breakthroughs in the lives of those around you.

Jesus said: “For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks the door will be opened.” Luke 11:10 (NLT).

Those words mean keep on asking, keep on seeking, keep on knocking. In God’s time your persistence in asking for prayer will reap a spiritual harvest in your life and the lives of those around you.

How to make your prayer request:

1. The Prayer Chest at the back of the church – “Let Us Pray For You” - Above the table with prayer request forms and pens.
2. Use the Grace website: grace43081.org The link for “Prayer Request” is found on the top right-hand side of the first page. Your name is optional.

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



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!

COLUMBUS RINGS
Presents:
Journeys
Sunday, May 3, 2026 @ 7 pm
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
100 E. Schrock Rd, Westerville Ohio
In concert with the Scioto Valley Brass and Percussion Company
As part of the Amazing Grace Concert Series

GREATER COLUMBUS ARTS COUNCIL
Ohio Arts Council

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