

# **Second Sunday of Easter**

## **Affirmation of Faith**



**April 12, 2026**

# Welcome to Grace

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## PRELUDE

"We Walk by Faith" - *arr. David Maxwell*

"God Himself Is Present" - *arr. Barbara Harbach*

## 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

"God Himself is Present"

1 God him-self is pres - ent; let us now a - dore him and with awe ap -  
 2 God him-self is pres - ent; hear the harps re - sound - ing; see the hosts the  
 3 Light of light e - ter - nal, all things pen - e - trat - ing, for your rays our  
 4 Come, ce - les - tial Be - ing, make our hearts your dwell - ing, ev - 'ry car - nal

pear be - fore him! God is in his tem - ple; all with - in keep si - lence,  
 throne sur - round - ing! "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing,  
 soul is wait - ing. As the ten - der flow - ers, will - ing - ly un - fold - ing,  
 thought dis - pel - ling. By your Ho - ly Spir - it sanc - ti - fy us tru - ly,

pros - trate lie with deep - est rev - 'rence. Him a - lone God we own,  
 songs of saints and an - gels blend - ing. Bow your ear to us here:  
 to the sun their fac - es hold - ing: e - ven so would we do,  
 teach - ing us to love you on - ly. Where we go here be - low,

him, our God and Sav - ior; praise his name for - ev - er!  
 hear, O Christ, the prais - es that your church now rais - es.  
 light from you ob - tain - ing, strength to serve you gain - ing.  
 let us bow be - fore you and in truth a - dore you.

# 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



☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, you reach out to us in the midst of our fears and doubts with the hands of our Risen Savior, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. By your Holy Spirit, revive and renew our faith, and strengthen us to be the Body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### FIRST READING: Acts 5:29-42

<sup>29</sup>Peter and the apostles answered {the high priest and the council}, “We must obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup>The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.” <sup>33</sup>When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. <sup>34</sup>But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. <sup>35</sup>And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. <sup>36</sup>For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. <sup>37</sup>After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. <sup>38</sup>So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; <sup>39</sup>but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, <sup>40</sup>and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. <sup>41</sup>Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. <sup>42</sup>And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

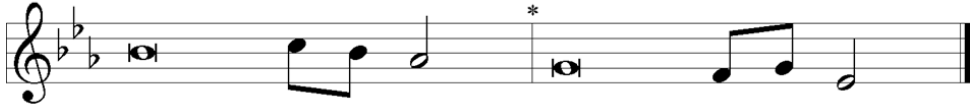
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 148

### Refrain



### Psalm Tone



- L <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;  
praise him | in the heights.
- C <sup>2</sup>**Praise him, all you an- | gels of his;**  
**praise him, | all his host.**
- L <sup>3</sup>Praise him, | sun and moon;  
praise him, all you | shining stars.
- C <sup>4</sup>**Praise him, heav- | en of heavens,**  
**and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**
- L <sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name | of the LORD;  
for he commanded, and they | were created.
- C <sup>6</sup>**He made them stand fast forev- | er and ever;**  
**he gave them a law which shall not | pass away. Refrain**
- L <sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD | from the earth,  
you sea monsters | and all deeps;
- C <sup>8</sup>**Fire and hail, | snow and fog,**  
**tempestuous wind, do- | ing his will;**
- L <sup>9</sup>Mountains | and all hills,  
fruit trees | and all cedars;
- C <sup>10</sup>**Wild beasts | and all cattle,**  
**creeping things and | winged birds;**
- L <sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth | and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers | of the world;
- C <sup>12</sup>**Young | men and maidens,**  
**old and | young together. Refrain**
- L <sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name | of the LORD,  
for his name only is exalted, his splendor is over | earth and heaven.
- C <sup>14</sup>**He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his | loyal servants,**  
**the children of Israel, a people who are near him. | Hallelujah! Refrain**

### SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

- <sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,  
<sup>4</sup>to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.  
<sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various

trials,<sup>7</sup> so that the tested genuineness of your faith — more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.<sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,<sup>9</sup> obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

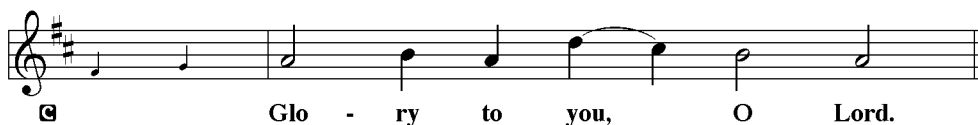
### ALLELUIA VERSE (*John 6:68*)



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

### HOLY GOSPEL: *John 20:19-31*

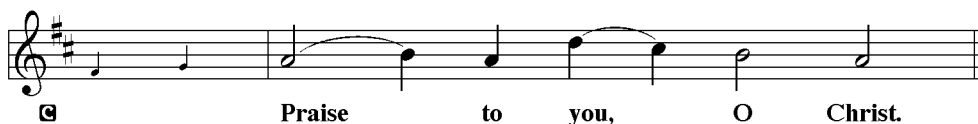
P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”  
<sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.  
<sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”  
<sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.  
<sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”  
<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.  
<sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”  
<sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”  
<sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.”  
<sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”  
<sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”  
<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;  
<sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

## LITTLE LAMBS

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

**SERMON: "We Must Obey God!"**

**The Rev. Dr. David Wendel**

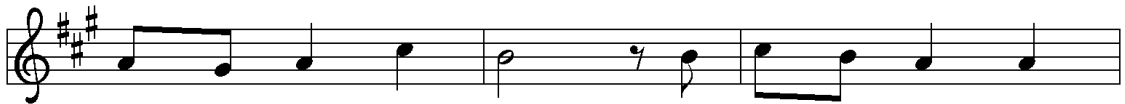
*After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are  
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter  
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near and seek where you are found:  
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

**11:00am**

Please see Affirmation of Baptism insert.

## THE NICENE CREED

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

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

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

## THE PRAYERS

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

*After each petition:*

**A** Lord, in your mercy;

**C** Hear our prayer.

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

**C** Amen.

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

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## THE PEACE

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

**C** And also with you.

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

*Please be seated.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE MEAL

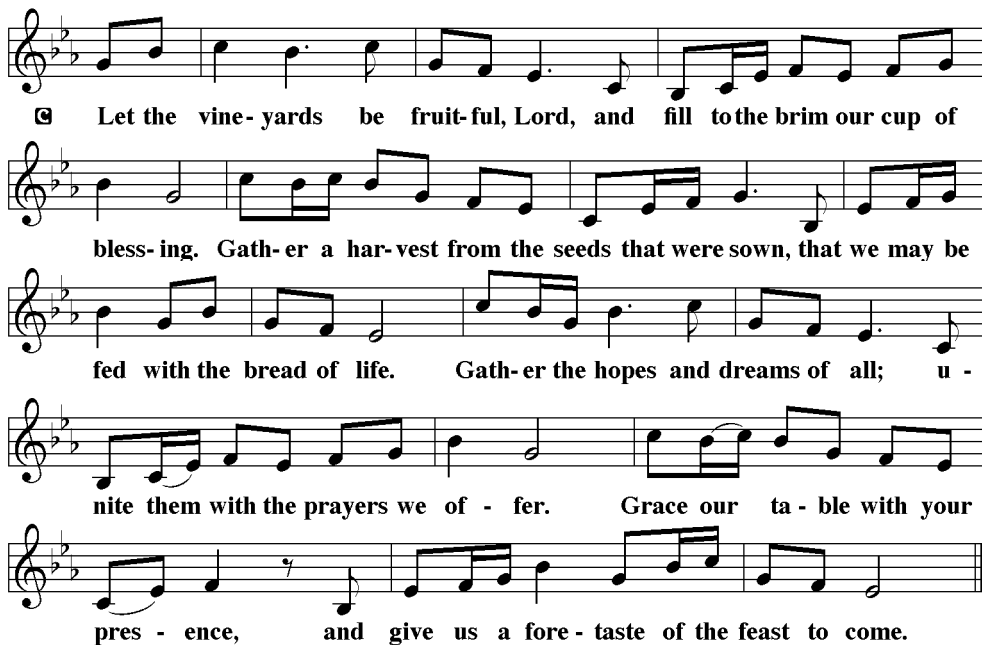
### MUSICAL OFFERING

Grace Ringers Bell Choir

"All Creatures of Our God and King" - arr. Sandra Eithun

*Please stand as the offering is brought forward.*

### THE OFFERTORY



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

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Blessed are you,

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

# THE LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER


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



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



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




**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**G** 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)



**G** 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.

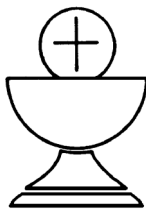
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

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 MUSIC

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today" - *arr. Susan E. Geschke*

**Grace Ringers Bell Choir**

*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.

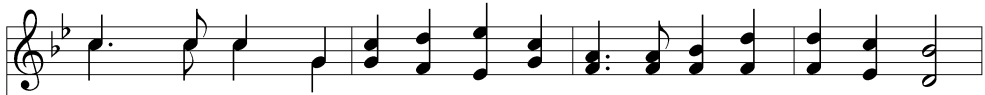
The image shows a musical score for the Amen response. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. 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RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!"



1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!  
 2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad - ness of our Lent - en fast is o'er;  
 3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor - row that last eve - ning round him lay  
 4 Christ is ris - en! Hence - forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall;



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
 through the o - pen gates of glad - ness he re - turns to life once more;  
 now has found a glo - rious mor - row in the ris - ing of to - day.  
 be we Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri - umphed o - ver all.



Grate - ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;  
 death and hell be - fore him bend - ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,  
 See the grave its first - fruits giv - ing, spring - ing up from ho - ly ground;  
 All the doubt - ing and de - jec - tion of our trem - bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.  
 an - gels on his steps at - tend - ing, glo - ry round his wound - ed brow.  
 he was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.  
 hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.



*Refrain*

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

**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**

"Trumpet Tune on MORGENLIED" - arr. David Lasky

**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.

**Affirmation of Baptism**



*Today Emily Odum, Lauren Place, Gabriel Young and Molly Young, completed their preparation for the Rite of Confirmation and have made their profession of faith.*

**Flowers are given by...**

*Vanessa Stewart in memory of my mother Mary Bivins.  
 Jim and Rella Kehl in celebration of Rella's birthday.  
 Amy and Lori in celebration of Chris Troutman's 85th birthday this week.*

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

**WELCOME**



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

**Maundy Thursday, April 2:** 12:15pm: 19; 7:00pm: 62; total: 81

**Good Friday, April 3:** 12:15pm: 38; 7:00pm: 122; total: 160

**Easter Sunday, April 5:** 8:15: 211; 11:00: 227; total: 438

## **MUSIC NOTES**

### **"We Walk by Faith" – arr. Daivd Maxwell**

Henry Alford (1810-1871) wrote this hymn for the commemoration of St. Thomas the Apostle. It begins with 2 Corinthians 5:7 ("We walk by faith, not by sight") and then quotes from the account of Jesus and Thomas in John 20:19-29. But the hymn is about us, not only about Thomas – about our Emmaus walk (Luke 24:13-35) and our meeting with the resurrected Lord in water, word, bread, and wine.

### **"God Himself Is Present" – arr. Barbara Harbach**

Gerhard Tersteegan (1697-1769) is considered to be one of the great German hymnists and spiritual leaders in the Reformed tradition. He was never ordained, but his simple, devout, mystical faith led him to minister to those in spiritual and physical need. His hymn "Gott ist gegenwärtig" appeared in his *Geistliches Blumengärtlein* (1729) and may be a paraphrase of a work by the French writer Labadie. The composite translation is the work of the editors of the Protestant Episcopal *Hymnal* (1940). The tune WUNDERBARER KÖNIG takes its name from the German hymn to which it was first set, "Wunderbarer König, Herrscher von uns allen." It is credited to Joachim Neander and appeared in his *Bundes-Lieder* (1680).

### **"All Creatures of Our God and King" – arr. Sandra Eithun**

The original text of this hymn is said to have been written by Francis of Assisi (c. 1182-1226) during the last months of his life when he was suffering intense pain and was almost blind. Known as "Canticle of the Sun," it is thought to be the oldest religious poem extant in the Italian language.

It expresses St. Francis' intense love of all creation. William Draper paraphrased the hymn for use at a Whitsuntide (Pentecost) festival at Leeds, England sometime between 1899 and 1919; it was not published until 1926 when it appeared in a collection of Draper's hymns and in *School Worship*.

**“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” – arr. Susan E. Geschke**

Entitled “Hymn for Easter Day” by its author, Charles Wesley, it was first included in *Hymns and Sacred Poems* (1739). It was altered and published in Martin Madan's *Collection of Psalms and Hymns* (1760), a famous volume that influenced English hymnals for more than 100 years.

**“Trumpet Tune on MORGENLIED” – arr. David Lasky**

MORGENLIED is the tune for the hymn, “Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!” John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875) was a priest who served as a rector of Ramoan in Ireland and then later as vicar of Egham, Surrey in England and rector of St. Nicholas, Guilford. Monsell published eleven volumes of poetry which included three hundred hymns. This hymn was included in his *Hymns of Love and Praise* (London, 1863), a collection dedicated to the memory of two of his children.

# Praise the LORD!

*Find the 44 bold words from Psalm 148:3–14 (ESV)*

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

Praise him, **sun** and **moon**, praise him, all you **shining stars**! Praise him, you highest **heavens**, and you **waters** above the heavens! Let them praise the **name** of the LORD! For he **commanded** and they were **created**. And he **established** them **forever** and ever; he gave a **decree**, and it shall not pass away. Praise the LORD from the **earth**, you great **sea creatures** and all **deeps**, **fire** and **hail**, **snow** and **mist**, stormy **wind fulfilling** his **word**! **Mountains** and all **hills**, fruit **trees** and all cedars! **Beasts** and all **livestock**, **creeping things** and flying **birds**! Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all **rulers** of the earth! Young **men** and **maidens** together, old men and **children**! Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is **exalted**; his **majesty** is above earth and heaven. He has **raised** up a **horn** for his people, praise for all his **saints**, for the people of **Israel** who are near to him. **Praise the LORD!**

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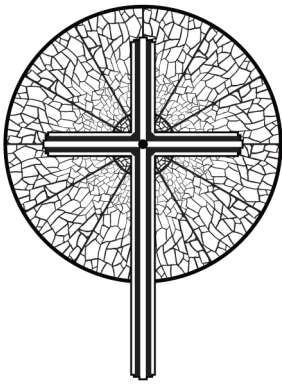
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**Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church** has been serving the Westerville community for more than 115 years, supporting local ministries such as the Westerville Area Resource Ministry, Westerville Partnership Habitat for Humanity, and Westerville CROP 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 12-19, 2026

### Amazing God-- Amazing Grace-- Amazing Worship!

April 12

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/CONFIRMATION

8:15 am           Worship Service  
 9:40 am           Sunday School and Confirmation  
 9:45 am           Adult Learning (Fellowship Hall)  
 10:00 am          Confirmation Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
 11:00 am          Worship Service/Confirmation  
 12:30 pm          Odum Gathering (Rose Garden 2 & 3)  
 5:00 pm           Lakeside Village HOA (Fellowship Hall)  
 Secret Sister Forms Due

MON	1:00 pm	Ruth Circle
	6:30 pm	Monday Night Bible Study on Romans
	7:00 pm	Grace Sisterhood @ Hoover
TUES	Reports/Items Due to Council for April 21 Meeting	
	6-8pm	Visits with Pr. David (Sign up at the Welcome Center)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
WED.	10:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	6:30 pm	Band of Brothers (Rose Garden 1)
	7:00 pm	Grace Singers Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Rose Garden 2&3)
	7:30 pm	Scioto Valley B&PC Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
THURS	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
	6:15 pm	Supper Club @ P.F. Chang Easton
	6:30 pm	Rotary Club
	7:30 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	Deadline to sign up for Columbus Fury April 23 game	
FRI.	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
SAT	7:30 am	AA Celebration Set-up (Fellowship Hall)
	8:00 am	Men of Grace (Loaves and Fishes Café)
	9:00 am	Hustle for Habitat 5K @ Hoff Woods Park
	9:30 am	19th Anniversary Celebration AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	Noon-3pm	Youth and Family Rocks: Rock Painting
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
April 19	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	
	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
	4:00 pm	Amazing Grace Astralis Trio Concert (Sanctuary)

Date	Upcoming Events
April 25 (Sat)	11am- Funeral Pete Otteson
April 26 (Sun)	Columbus Fury Event
May 3 (Sun)	MS & HS Lunch Club
May 17 (Sun)	OWL Reveal Party
May 30 (Sat)	Westerville Putt Putt
July 12–16	Vacation Bible School – Rainforest Falls

**Visits with Pastor David  
Tuesday, April 14, 6-8 PM**



Do you have something you'd like to ask or discuss with Pastor Wendel? Would you like to connect? Tuesday, April 14 th 6-8 PM, Pastor will have 30 minute appointments available for anyone interested in signing up. This is your time to talk about whatever you wish! This serves as a reminder that Pastor David is available any time to visit with you, either at church, in your home or wherever is comfortable, at a time which is convenient for you! Don't hesitate to email or text Pastor Wendel to arrange a time other than the regularly scheduled evening of visits!



**New Online Giving Website**

April 1, 2026, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church moved online giving from Vanco to Subsplash. If you need assistance, contact Debbie Yoho in the church office at 614-882-3026 or [d.yoho@grace43081.org](mailto:d.yoho@grace43081.org). Giving by cash, check, bill pay continue to be options as well to participate in giving. Thank you for your faithful generosity and support of Grace's ministry!

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



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



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

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





## YOUTH & FAMILY SUNDAY MORNINGS & WORSHIP RESOURCES

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

### **NURSERY CARE (INFANTS – AGE 6)**

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

Pagers available for parents if needed.

### **BUSY BAGS**

Keep little hands engaged during worship with age-appropriate books and activities.

Located by the sanctuary entrance.

### **CHILDREN'S BULLETINS**

Activity-based bulletins that follow the weekly readings.

Available at the usher's table.

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

Children leave worship after the Gospel reading for a fun, age-appropriate Bible lesson.

They return during the offering for Holy Communion.

Offered at both worship services.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL (PRESCHOOL – HIGH SCHOOL)**

Sundays, 9:40 – 10:30 AM (September through Memorial Day Weekend)

Adult class also available.

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

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

## **CHRISTIAN GROWTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

### **Youth and Family Events**

- April 18, Rock Painting for WARM
- April 26, Columbus Fury, 2pm
- 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



Our next Youth and Family event is to attend a Columbus Fury professional women's volleyball game. The game is Sunday, April 26 at 2:00. Columbus Fury is playing San Diego Mojo. The tickets are \$30. The signup deadline is April 16. Sign up at the Welcome Center or email Molly ([m.king@grace43081.org](mailto:m.king@grace43081.org))

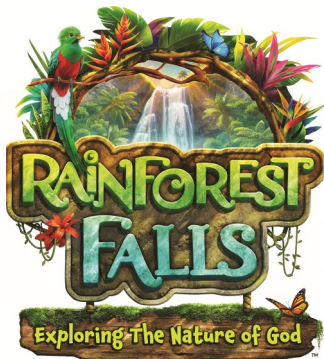


On Saturday, April 18th, 12 to 3 we will be painting rocks in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided and you can come and go as you need. You do not need to stay all three hours. We need to get our rocks done by April 24th. Sign up at the Welcome Center or email Molly ([m.king@grace43081.org](mailto:m.king@grace43081.org))

### 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.
- **Band of Brothers:** Our monthly Bible study and fellowship group for younger men/working

men, will be Wednesday, April 15, 6:30 PM. We have one chapter remaining in the Tony Dungy book on being men in today's world.

- **Grace Sisterhood's** next meeting is **April 13 at 7pm at The Hoover Bar and Kitchen**. We will continue meeting the 2nd Monday of each month (so mark your new 2026 calendars so you can join in the fellowship). We will be starting a new Bible Study, "Women and Identity" by Adele Ahlberg Calhoun & Tracey D Bianchi. All younger/working women of the congregation (and friends!) are invited and welcome! Contact: Melissa Hodek
- **Katharine Circle** will meet **Monday, 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, April 18, 8 AM** in the Loaves and Fishes Cafe. We continue the study of the Gospel of Luke! Pastor Wendel facilitates the study. Join us for breakfast, study and fellowship.

- **Monday Night Bible Study of Romans, begins Monday, April 13, 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, April 13 at 1:00 p.m.** We will be discussing our study series on Life's Challenges. All are welcome.
- **Wednesday Women's Bible** is studying "The Promise and Power of Easter" By Christine Caine and Lisa Harper. This is a 4 week Bible study of the Lenten season taking in the details of Jesus' life, the agony of His death, and the overwhelming joy of His resurrection. Join us **Wednesday mornings at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall!** You will be warmly welcomed! Interested contact Molly King.

## OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Hustle for Habitat 5K – April 18:** Join us for the Second Annual Hustle for Habitat 5K on Saturday, April 18 at



April 18, 2026 at Hoff Woods Park in Westerville

in our community!

9:00 a.m. at Hoff Woods Park in Westerville! This fun run/walk supports Westerville Habitat Partnership and their work with Habitat for Humanity of Delaware and Union Counties. All are welcome—run or walk at your own pace! Finisher medals will be given to all participants (no timed awards). **Joanne will be available after worship on Sunday, April 12 to help with registration and answer questions.** Register and learn more: <https://www.westervillehabitatpartnership.org/events> Come be part of this meaningful event and help support affordable housing

**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](http://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.

## HOSPITALITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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On March 19, Grace Supper Club dined at MiaMar Grill in Westerville and had a wonderful evening of fellowship together. In April we have a reservation at P. F. Chang’s on Thursday, April 16 for 6:15 p.m. P.G. Chang’s is located at 4040 Townsfair Way, Columbus 43219 at Easton. 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.



**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.

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



Spring Fling, please RSVP to [denise.reynard@rocketmail.com](mailto:denise.reynard@rocketmail.com).

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

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

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



**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!



**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: [tps://forms.gle/119ws9hHCxpGrAAj7](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!

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

# 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):**

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**Other information you would like to share:** \_\_\_\_\_

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