

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost



July 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 and the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) at www.thenalc.org!

PRELUDE

"For the Fruit of All Creation" - *arr. Frank Stoldt*

"We Plow the Fields and Scatter" - *arr. Franklin D. Ashdown*

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C **Amen.**

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

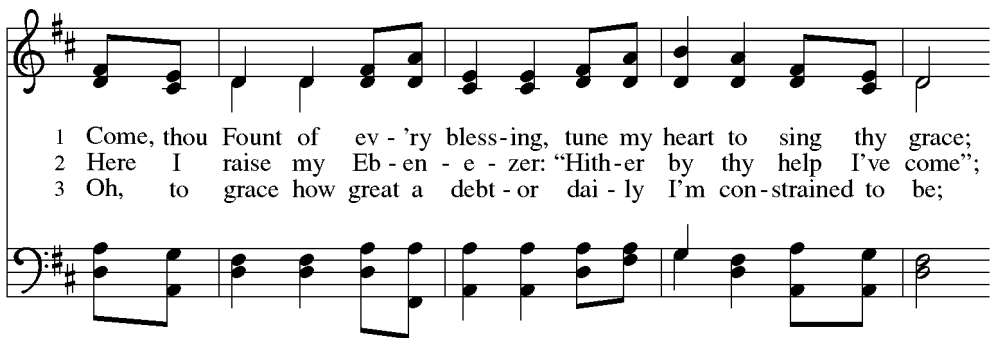
C **O most merciful God, who gave your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for His sake, grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your Word, that by your grace we may come to everlasting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

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

C **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"



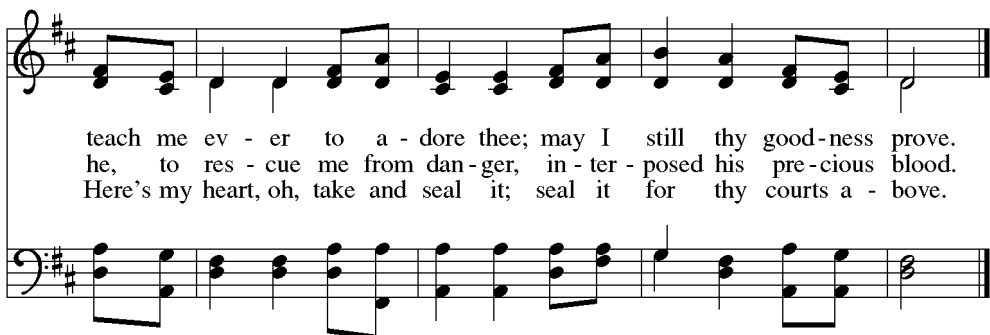
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb-en-e-zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar-rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet-ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo-ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je-sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



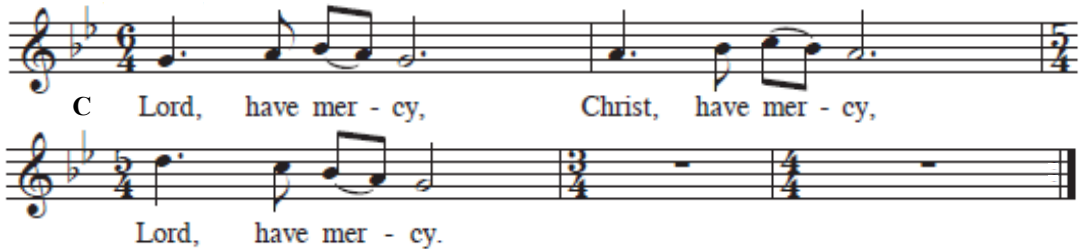
teach me ev-er to a-dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
 he, to res-cue me from dan-ger, in-ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a-bove.

The Liturgy of The Word

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

THE KYRIE



HYMN OF PRAISE:

“Glory to God”



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on
 us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re -
 ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth.
 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
 Lord. you a - lone are the Most High.
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men! A - men!
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith, hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 65:9-14

Refrain

Your paths o - ver - flow with plen - ty, O God, your
paths o-ver - flow with plen - ty.

Psalm Tone

L ⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it ¹very plenteous;
the river of God is ¹full of water.

C ¹⁰**You pre-¹pare the grain,
for so you provide ¹for the earth.**

L ¹¹You drench the furrows and smooth ¹out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and ¹bless its increase.

C ¹²**You crown the year ¹with your goodness,
and your paths over-¹flow with plenty. Refrain**

L ¹³May the fields of the wilderness be ¹rich for grazing,
and the hills be ¹clothed with joy.

C ¹⁴**May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak them-¹selves with
grain;
let them shout for ¹joy and sing. Refrain**

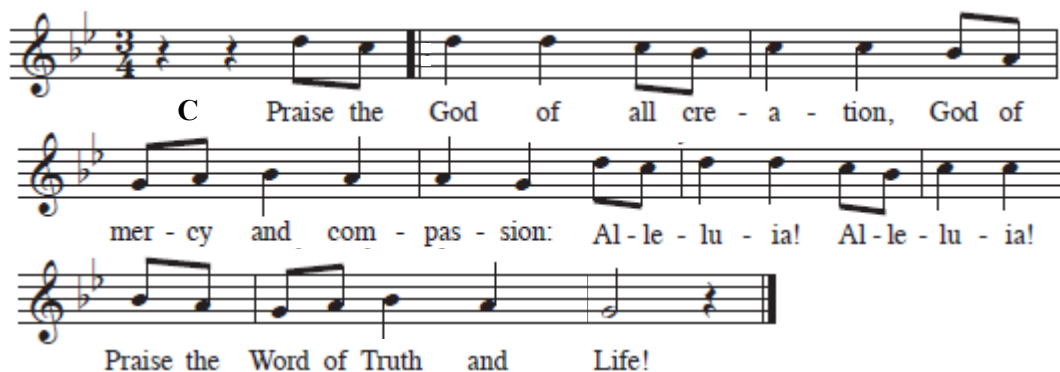
SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE (*John 6:68*)



HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear."

¹⁸{Jesus said to the disciples,} "Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

Please be seated.

LITTLE LAMBS

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

SERMON: "The Word and Holy Spirit!"

The Rev. David Wendel

After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"We Plow the Fields and Scatter"

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score consists of four systems, each with a vocal staff and a piano accompaniment staff. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

1 We plow the fields and scat - ter The good seed on the land,
2 He on - ly is the mak - er Of all things near and far;
3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, For all things bright and good,

But it is fed and wa - tered By God's al - might - y hand.
He paints the way - side flow - er, He lights the eve - ning star.
The seed - time and the har - vest, Our life, our health, our food.

He sends the snow in win - ter, The warmth to swell the grain,
The winds and waves o - bey him; By him the birds are fed.
No gifts have we to of - fer For all your love im - parts,

The breez - es and the sun - shine, And soft re - fresh - ing rain.
Much more to us, his chil - dren, He gives our dai - ly bread.
But what you most would trea - sure— Our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

Refrain

All good gifts a - round us Are sent from heav'n a - bove.

Then thank the Lord, oh, thank the Lord For all his love.

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... *Lon Landis, David Doll, Rich Meneley, Jennifer Rockwood, Don Melick, Tom Zawodny, Betty Milner, Rod Rice, Sue Ross, Mary Ross, Jim Ross*

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM/RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS *(Please see insert.)*

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

Maria Laderman - Flute, Linda Hoch - Piano

"Shout to the Lord" with "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" - *arr. Joel Raney*

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

THE OFFERTORY

“As The Grains of Wheat”

Refrain

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

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

Refrain

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

THE LITURGY OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

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

Presider *All* *Presider*

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

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

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

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

4 *Assembly*

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

THE WORD OF INSTITUTION

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

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

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



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

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

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

AMEN



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

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

C Our Fa - ther, who art in heav-en,
hal - low - ed be thy name; thy king-dom come, thy
will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.
Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and for -
give us our tres - pass - es, as we for-give those who
tres - pass a-against us; and lead us not in - to temp-
ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For the king-dom, the pow-er and the glo-ry are yours
now and for - ev - er - more. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD/THE FRACTION

A time of silence...

P Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. *(John 1:29)*

C Blessed are those who are invited to the supper of the Lamb! *(Revelation 19:9)*

LAMB OF GOD (John 1: 29)

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

world, have mer - cy on us.

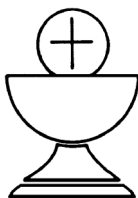
Je - sus, Lamb of God; you take a - way the

sin of the world, grant us your

peace.

Please be seated.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS



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

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

Private prayer before receiving Holy Communion:

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

Private prayer after receiving Holy Communion:

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

COMMUNION MUSIC

Maria Laderman - Flute, Linda Hoch - Piano

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" - *arr. Brent Olstad*

After all have communed, please stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

C **Amen.**

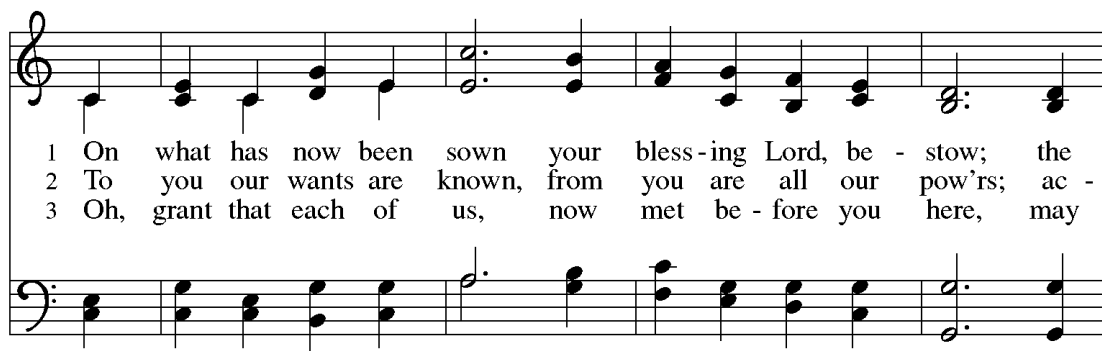
THE BENEDICTION (*Numbers 6: 24-26*)

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

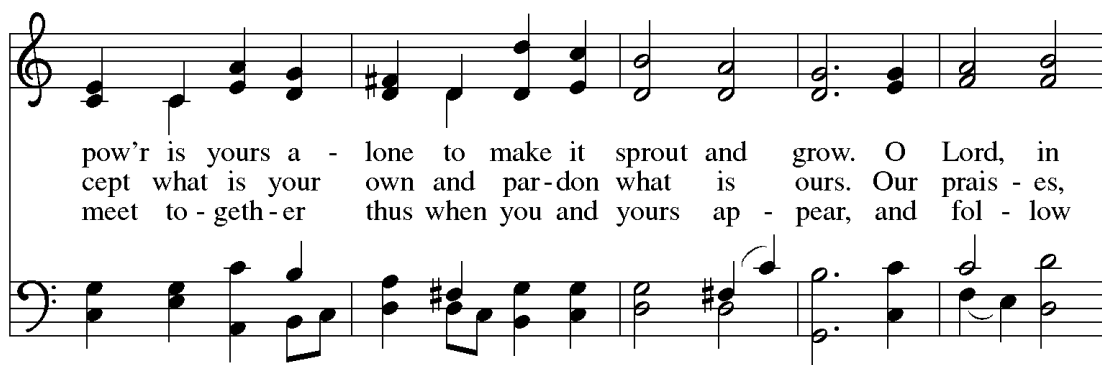


RECESSIONAL HYMN

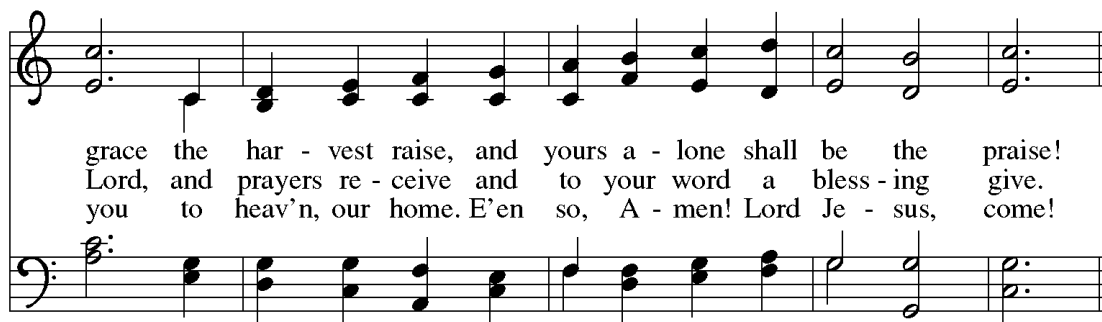
"On What Has Now Been Sown"



1 On what has now been sown your bless - ing Lord, be - stow; the
 2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -
 3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may



pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in
 cept what is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais - es,
 meet to - geth - er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low



grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!
 Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.
 you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

THE RITE OF SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

"On What Has Now Been Sown" - arr. Joyce Jones

Linda Hoch

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

Flowers are given by...

Pastor David and Susan in celebration of David's 45th year of ordination.



Join us in welcoming the following new members to Grace. They will be welcomed at services this morning:

Jamilla Davis

Michael Ford

Ian, Napaporn (Fon) and Violet Gayetsky

David and Donna Hahm

Jim Landaker

Rev. Eric Riesen

Landen and Lindsey Rutkowski

SAVE the DATE- On Sunday, July 19, we will celebrate the 45th anniversary of the ordination of The Rev. Dr. David P. Wendel to the Office of Holy Ministry. Bishop Emeritus John Bradosky will be our guest preacher at both the 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services.



A reception will be held between services, providing an opportunity for members, friends, and guests to share memories, offer congratulations, and celebrate Rev. Wendel's many years of faithful service to Christ and His Church.

Council members: Jim Caldwell, Lisa Kuhar, Kyle Lamb, Tracey Nave, Ellen Paulus, Ted Ray, Gregg Rearick, Jackie Washburn

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.



Scan to *Simply Give*

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

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

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

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost, July 5: 8:15: 61; 11:00: 100; total: 161

MUSIC NOTES

“For the Fruit of All Creation” – arr. Frank Stoldt

This “Harvest Hymn” by Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000) states several basic themes: thanks for the harvest of nature, a call to share with others and thus do God's will, and thanks for the harvests of the Spirit: goodness, truth and love.

“We Plow the Fields and Scatter” – arr. Franklin D. Ashdown

“Wir pflügen und wir streuen,” a hymn by Matthias Claudius (1740-1815), a commissioner of agriculture in Germany, was first published in 1782 as part of *Paul Erdmann's Festival* (1782) a sketch portraying a harvest festival in a farm home in north Germany. Its thesis is that we must cooperate with God by ploughing and sowing, but God provides wind, sunshine and rain to bring forth the fruits. The hymn is an expression of humble and thankful hearts for all of God's good gifts around us.

“Shout to the Lord” with “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” – arr. Joel Raney

This arrangement combines two contemporary Christian songs:

“Shout to the Lord” – Darlene Zschech (b. 1965) wrote this solo expression of praise, which mostly concerns what the individual wants to do. Born with musical talent, Darlene sang, danced, and produced commercials for McDonalds, KFC, Special K, and Diet Coke. At the age of 15 she was “overwhelmed by the unconditional love of God” and began to “front” for gospel bands and youth bands.

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” – Written by Rick Founds (b. 1954), this is a text about an individual's delight in God. Founds composed it during a morning devotional period while reading the Bible on his computer and playing his guitar. It was listed as the number one song in the Praise and Worship movement in the 1990's.

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” – arr. Brent Olstad

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

“On What Has Now Been Sown” – arr. Joyce Jones

John Newton (1725-1807), once master of a slave-trading ship turned abolitionist and preacher, produced a book of hymns called *Olney Hymns* (1779) while he was the curate at a poor Anglican parish in Olney. The first three stanzas of this hymn, “On What Has Now Been Sown,” come from two different hymns from *Olney Hymns*.

Pray for our VBS

As we prepare for our annual Vacation Bible School, help our invitations to reach children and families in our congregation as well as those in our community who need the love and learning our VBS will provide.



Praise is Due

*Find the 40 **bold** words from Psalm 65:1–8 (ESV).*

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

Praise is due to you, O **God**, in **Zion**, and to you shall vows be performed. O you who **hear prayer**, to you shall all flesh come. When **iniquities prevail** against me, you **atone** for our **transgressions**. **Blessed** is the one you **choose** and bring near, to **dwell** in your **courts**! We shall be **satisfied** with the **goodness** of your **house**, the **holiness** of your **temple**! By **awesome deeds** you **answer** us with **righteousness**, O God of our **salvation**, the **hope** of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest **seas**; the one who by his **strength** established the **mountains**, being **girded** with **might**; who **stills** the roaring of the seas, the **roaring** of their **waves**, the **tumult** of the peoples, so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in **awe** at your **signs**. You make the going out of the **morning** and the **evening** to **shout for joy**.

Serving Today

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COMMISSIONED LAY MINISTER	Molly King
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ACOLYTE	8:15 Maddie Nickoli
	11:00 Philip Young
CANTOR	Sue Mahrt
LECTOR	8:15 Lisa Kuhar
	11:00 Gregg Rearick
LITTLE LAMBS	8:15 Julie Young
	11:00 Amy Quinn
USHERS	8:15 Jim Caldwell, Paul Whitacre, Robert Ayers, Ted Ray
	11:00 Tom Moser, Andy Laderman, Mike King
GREETERS	8:15 Dorothy Crain
	11:00 Karen Bale
ASSISTING MINISTER	8:15 Donna Dettmann
NURSERY ATTENDANTS	11:00 Roger Retherford
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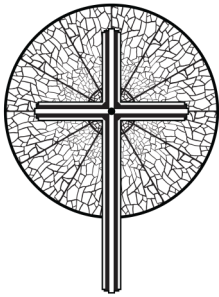
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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church has been serving the Westerville community for more than 115 years, supporting local ministries such as the Westerville Area Resource Ministry, Westerville Partnership Habitat for Humanity, and Westerville CROP Walk. 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: July 12-19, 2026

Amazing God-- Amazing Grace-- Amazing Worship!

July 12

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/NEW MEMBER WELCOME

8:15 am Worship Service (No nursery)

11:00 am Worship Service (No nursery)

After 2nd Service VBS final set-up

5:00 pm VBS Kick-off and Registration

5:30-8pm Rainforest Falls VBS

MON 5:30-8pm Rainforest Falls VBS

TUES 5:30-8pm Rainforest Falls VBS
Items due to Council for July 21 meeting

WED. 5:30-8pm Rainforest Falls VBS

THURS 5:30-8pm Rainforest Falls VBS

FRI. **9am-noon VBS Decoration take-down**
8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SAT 8:00am Men of Grace
9am-noon Grace Ambassador's @ Westerville Farmer's Market
9:30 am AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

July 19

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

45TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REV. DR. DAVID WENDEL'S ORDINATION

PREACHING: Bishop Emeritus John Bradosky

8:15 am Worship Service

Cake Reception between Services

11:00 am Worship Service

4:00 pm Amazing Grace Concert Series presents *Scioto Valley Brass and Percussion Company*

YOUR INVITATION TO A CELEBRATION On Sunday, July 19, we will celebrate the 45th anniversary of the ordination of The Rev. Dr. David M. Wendel to the Office of Holy Ministry. Bishop Emeritus John Bradosky will be our guest preacher at both the 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services. A reception will be held between services, providing an opportunity for members, friends, and guests to share memories, offer congratulations, and celebrate Rev. Wendel's many years of faithful service to Christ and His Church. Council members: Jim Caldwell, Lisa Kuhar, Kyle Lamb, Tracey Nave, Ellen Paulus, Ted Ray, Gregg Rearick, Jackie Washburn



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

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

(INFANTS – AGE 6)- Closed 7/12

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.

CARE

BUSY BAGS

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

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS

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

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

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL (PRESCHOOL – HIGH SCHOOL)

Sundays, 9:40 – 10:30 AM (Resumes in September)
Adult class available (Resumes in September)

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

BIBLE STUDIES & FAITH FORMATION

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

- **SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS** SUNDAY CLASS- They will reconvene sometime in August. Contact Bill Kulju
- **Band of Brothers to meet again in August!** The Band of Brothers for younger/working men will be on hiatus in July and will meet again in August for a special fellowship gathering. Watch the bulletins and August Voice!
- **Grace Sisterhood's** next meeting is **August 10 (the group is taking a break in July) 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 resume in the fall.** Come and join us for study and fellowship! Call Dorothy Crain, 614-264-5304, with questions.
- **Men of Grace Bible Study:** All men of Grace Lutheran Church (and friends!) —next meeting **Saturday, July 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** will not be a meeting during the month of July. On Monday, August 3, 6:30 PM we will begin a four session study titled, "What Lutherans Really Believe!" Over time, Lutheranism in the United States has been impacted by Reformed evangelicalism, as well as so-called "American civil religion." What do Lutherans truly believe, according to the Augsburg Confession and the Lutheran confessional writings? Come discover confessional Lutheranism! We will discuss such topics as the Lutheran view of sacraments, the "Means of Grace," "Salvation by grace through faith," as well as the Lutheran understanding of saints, the Christian's life in "Two Kingdoms" as Luther explained it. The study will also answer questions about the Lutheran reforming movement within the Church catholic! Sign up at the Welcome desk!
- **Ruth Circle will resume in the fall.**
- **Wednesday, Women's Bible study meets at 10:30 am. The group will not meet Wednesday, July 15.** The study we are doing is "The Faithful, Heroes of the Old Testament" By Priscilla Shirer, Kelly Minter, Beth Moore, Jennifer Rothschild and Lisa Harper. It's a five-session Bible study with videos. Each author has a different week. This study will strengthen your faith as you walk alongside Gideon, Nehemiah, Esther, Hosea, and Malachi as they chose to obey God, no matter their circumstances. The workbooks are \$12 and we have class this Wednesday. If you are interested see Molly King or email at m.king@grace43081.org

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Altar Guild Leader(s) & Members Needed: Help prepare the Lord's Table and support one of Grace's most meaningful worship ministries. After years of faithful leadership, Vanessa Stewart plans to step down by September 1, 2026, and is seeking one or more individuals to serve as Altar Guild leader(s), along with new members to join the ministry teams. Training and support will be provided. Prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve in worship. For more information, contact Vanessa Stewart at 614-588-2712 or Pastor Wendel.

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

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



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

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

- July 12-16, Vacation Bible School program Rainforest Falls, Exploring the Nature of God
- August 1, Kings Island trip
- August 14, 7:05pm, Clippers Game (Aug. 2 ticket sign-up deadline: <https://grace-evangelical-luther.subspla.sh/7vfnhc5>)
- August 23, Lunch Club
- September 12, Columbus Crew soccer game
- September 13, Rally Day

thank you!

Thank you for the help planning, preparing, donating, and transforming Grace into Rainforest Falls! It takes a village to create an amazing VBS experience! Please keep VBS in prayer this week.



VBS Decoration Take-Down: Friday, July 17 from 9am-noon we need help taking VBS decorations down. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk, contact Molly King to volunteer, or sign-up online at: <https://grace-evangelical-luther.subspla.sh/nyyckbf>



Grace Ringers Bell Choir: Contact Maria Laderman.

Grace Singers Chancel Choir: contact Helen Kang.

Joyful Voices Youth Choir rehearsal schedule: contact Helen Kang.

Columbus Clippers hosted by Youth and Family- August 14, 7:05pm, Clippers Game (Aug. 2 ticket sign-up deadline) Tickets will be \$11 for adults and \$9 for youth/senior. The youth age is 3-12 and seniors are 60 and up. Anyone 2 and under will not need a ticket. At the Welcome Desk or register by scanning the QR code.

If you have any questions contact Molly King m.king@grace43081.org





Youth and Family Congregational Trip to King's Island, Saturday, August 1st! All members of the congregation are invited to a Youth and Family trip to King's Island amusement park, Saturday, August 1st! We will meet at the church at 8:30 AM and spend the day having fun at the park. If we have 15 or more, tickets will be \$44! Bring the family, bring a friend! Sign up now at the Welcome Desk or register online <https://grace-evangelical-luther.subspla.sh/26t83gm> or scan the QR code. Questions: Contact Pr. David Wendel, d.wendel@grace43081.org

HOSPITALITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

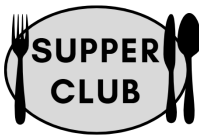


**RED CROSS
BLOOD
DRIVE**

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Our next Red Cross Blood Drive is Tuesday, July 21 from noon-6pm in the Gathering Space. Appointments appreciated and walk-ins after 1pm are accepted! You can schedule an appointment by contacting the Red Cross at RedCrossBlood.org and use our sponsor code: GraceLuthWesterville or call 1-800-Red Cross. Questions? Vanessa Stewart



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



SUPPER CLUB On June 18, Grace Supper Club dined at Hofbrauhaus in Grandview and had a wonderful evening filled with good German food and fellowship. Next month we have a reservation at Claudiana Italian Restaurant on Thursday, July 16 for 6:15 p.m. Claudiana is located at 8475 Sancus Blvd, Columbus 43240. 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. If you sign up and are unable to attend, please text or call Bev Grubb or Tami Stone. A sign up sheet is available at the Welcome Center Desk or scan the QR code. **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.



Senior's Social Moment trip to Air Stream Factory and Do Good Restaurant!

Monday, July 27th, 9 AM! All seniors and friends are invited to a field trip to Jackson Center, Monday, July 27th, meeting at the church at 9 AM. We will have a tour at the Air Stream RV factory, then have lunch at the nearby Do Good Restaurant and Ministry, a unique restaurant in Osgood, OH, with gardens and activities. Sign up at the Welcome Desk, QR code to the left or online: <https://grace-evangelical-luther.subspla.sh/c4qvkzy>! Check it out at dogoodrm.com!



Looking Ahead: Senior's Trip to Frankenmuth, Michigan, Monday-Tuesday, Nov. 9-10! All seniors and friends are invited to take an overnight trip to Frankenmuth, Michigan, "Little Bavaria," leaving Monday morning, November 9th and returning before 6 PM on November

10th. We will stay at the Bavarian Inn, have time to explore the shops and history of the town and on Tuesday, visit Bronner's Christmas Shoppe, known as the largest Christmas store in the world! More information will be forthcoming, but for now, sign up at the Welcome Desk at church or online (<https://grace-evangelical-luther.subspla.sh/shv2m4q>) to indicate interest, which will determine costs. Questions? See Pastor Wendel!

OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE the DATE for SERVICE

- **August 15 - Westerville Habitat Walls Build at WARM 7:30am-10:30am**
- **Mid-October to Mid-November - WARM Thanksgiving food collection**
- **December 5 - WARM neighborhood food drive: 9am-Noon**
- **December 11 - Westerville Habitat Partnership Progressive Christmas Concert: 7- 9:15pm**
- **January 17 (MLK weekend Sunday) - Soup 4 Shelter at Westerville Rec Center: 1-4pm**

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



Needed list: canned fruit; canned meat; canned tomatoes; cereal; detergent (dishwasher and laundry); helpers; paper towels; salad dressing; sugar; toilet paper. 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.

VBS is collecting donations July 12-July 19 to benefit WARM's Share Bac a Pac program, which provides healthy foods and snacks to children who are at risk of hunger on weekends and school breaks when free and reduced meals are not available. Below is a list of the current most needed items. A bin is located by the Welcome Desk or items can be placed in the WARM carts. Thank you for your support to help feed children at risk of food insecurity in our community.

- ☐ Instant Oatmeal Packets
- ☐ Mini Pretzels individual sized
- ☐ Snack-Sized Meat Sticks individual sized
- ☐ Cheese Crackers individual sized
- ☐ Graham Crackers individual sized
- ☐ Canned Tuna and Chicken (5 oz)
- ☐ Fruit and Veggie GoGo Squeez
- ☐ Fruit Cups
- ☐ Applesauce individual sized
- ☐ Ramen Noodles
- ☐ Canned Tomato/Vegetable Soups
- ☐ Canned Chicken Noodle Soup
- ☐ Pull Tab Pasta (15 oz)
- ☐ Mac and Cheese Boxes
- ☐ Granola Bars
- ☐ Cereal (1 oz)
- ☐ Shelf Stable White/Chocolate Milk
- ☐ Dried Fruit (Craisins/Raisins) (1.33 oz)



Shopping tip: Look for products with expiration dates several months out so that we are able to use it before it expires.

Happy 3rd Anniversary Intercessory Prayer Team: *From Donna Dettmann*

GRACE Intercessory Prayer Team



It has been three years since the start of the Intercessory Prayer Team here at Grace Church. The first meeting was June 14, 2023, and was the only time we came together for an in-person meeting. The team is now 19 members strong. A list of prayers is emailed or postal mailed to the members to pray for 2 weeks. The prayers include new prayers and reminders of prayers for the second week, prayers for individuals from the Sunday's bulletin, continuing prayers for our Clergy and upcoming events at Grace. In January of 2025, some IPT members wanted to pray the Grace Church Directory. They each have a different page to pray over for one month. God knows their individual needs. As intercessors, we are called to "ask" and God can do the rest.

If you are interested in learning more about the IPT and joining the team, contact:

• Donna Dettmann - donnadett@aol.com – 703-447-7760 • Joanne Figge - jcfigge@gmail.com – 614-207-1061
• Susan Riches - skr.riches@gmail.com – 719-650-8696.

Confidentiality of your prayer request is very important to the intercessors. If you would like more prayer time than the 2 weeks, just fill out another request form.

Ways to ask for prayer - your name is optional:

- Prayer Chest - pens and request forms are at the back of the church.
- Use the Grace website: grace43081.org The link is found on the first page, top right side, "Prayer Request".

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

Social Concerns Notes

from Joanne Figge

Grace Ambassadors will be manning our tent at the Westerville Farmers Markets on July 18, and August 29. Crafts associated with our VBS theme were available for children on June 20 at the Farmers Market;.

Westerville Habitat Partnership's Walls Build is August 15 at WARM! Signup is available for families and individuals at westervillehabitatpartnership.org.

WARM Family Day of Service - July 25 WARM will be hosting a **Family Serve Day on July 25 from 10am - 12pm**. We are accepting up to 25 participants. If your family has been look for an opportunity to serve together, we'd love to have you here! *If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Abby Morris,*



Community Relations Coordinator at abby@warmwesterville.org

2026-2027 School Year Volunteer Planning

CHILDHOOD NUTRITION SHARE BAC-A-PAC DRIVERS NEEDED!



We are looking for **3 volunteer drivers** to support the SBAP program during the 2026-2027 school year. Drivers help deliver the SBAP meal kits to schools each Thursday.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Delaney Stephens, Childhood Nutrition Coordinator at delaney@warmwesterville.org



Join the fun at our next Euchre game on Monday, July 20 at 1 o'clock in the café. It can be a little competitive, but lots of laughs! We need four people per table, so sign up at the Welcome center ahead of time! Any questions, please reach out to Lois Rumph or Karen Bale.



The Diabetes Dash 5K Run/Walk, Hosted by the Washburn family, the Diabetes Dash returns for its 8th annual event on **Sunday, July 19th** at the Westerville Sports Complex. This event began after son Ryan was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes in 2018 and continues to bring our community together to raise awareness and

support for a cure.

To date, the Diabetes Dash has raised over \$135,000 for 'Breakthrough T1D', with a portion of proceeds also supporting scholarships for local graduating seniors living with T1D.

You can get involved by signing up to run or walk, making a donation, or sharing the event with others. Every step makes an impact. Learn more or register here:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Westerville/DiabetesDash>



SPECIAL EVENTS

LET'S CELEBRATE

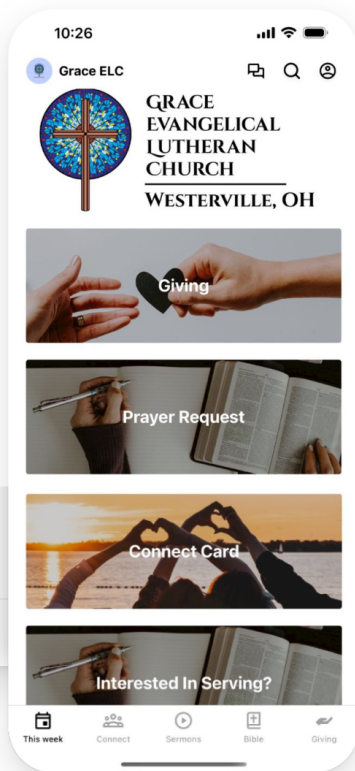
Sunday, July 19

45th Anniversary of The Rev. Dr. David Wendel's Ordination

8:15 and 11am: Guest Preacher: Bishop Emeritus John Bradosky

Cake Reception between services

4pm: Amazing Grace Concert Series Presents Scioto Valley Brass & Percussion celebrates America's 250th Birthday with some of our greatest musical treasures on the Grace lawn.



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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