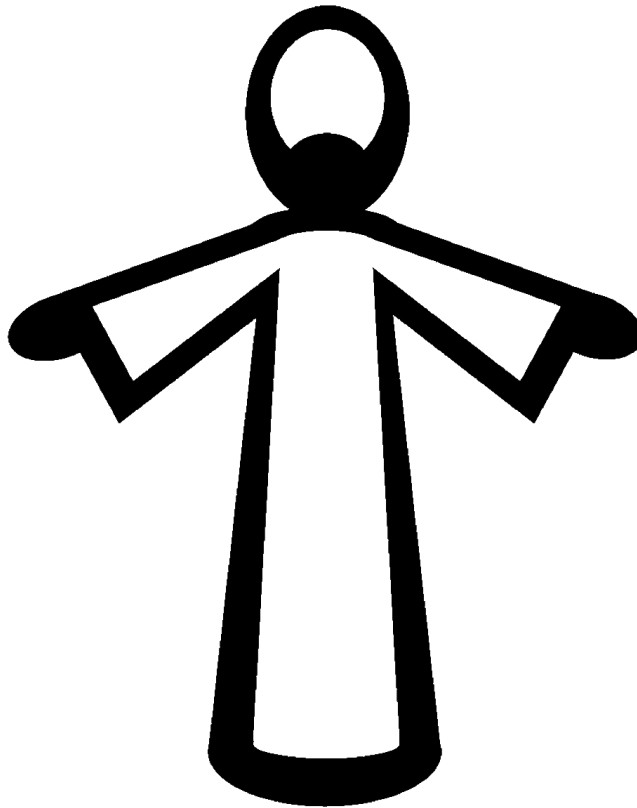


Seventh Sunday of Easter

Music Festival Sunday



May 17, 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

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" - *arr. Wilbur Held*

"Savior, Again to Your Dear Name" - *arr. Ron Schmoltze*

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

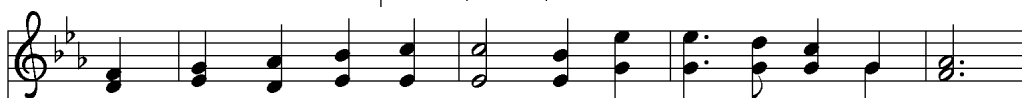
"The Church's One Foundation"



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.



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.



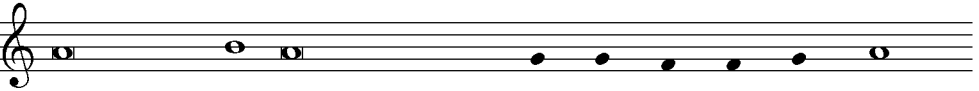
Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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, as our Lord prayed, keep us in your Word, protect us from the evil one and keep us united in love, as we struggle to remain in the world but not of the world; for we ask it in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:12-26

¹²Then {the disciples} returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. ¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about ¹²⁰) and said, ¹⁶“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸(Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰“For it is written in the Book of Psalms, ‘May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it’; and ‘Let another take his office.’” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 68:1-10

Refrain

Sing to God, who rides up - on the heav - ens.

Psalm
Tone

L¹Let God arise, and let his ene- | mies be scattered;
let those who hate him | flee before him.

C²**Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives | it away;
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the pres- | ence of God.**

L³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice | before God;
let them also be mer- | ry and joyful.

C⁴**Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides up- | on the heavens;
YAHWEH is his name, re- | joice before him! Refrain**

L⁵Father of orphans, defend- | er of widows,
God in his holy | habitation!

C⁶**God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners | into freedom;
but the rebels shall live | in dry places.**

L⁷O God, when you went forth be- | fore your people,
when you marched | through the wilderness,

C⁸**The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the | God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the | God of Israel.**

L⁹You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon | your inheritance;
you refreshed the land when | it was weary.

C¹⁰**Your people found their | home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision | for the poor. Refrain**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" ¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be

watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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 17:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 17th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. ⁶I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.”

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: "The Twelfth Disciple!"

The Rev. David Wendel

After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.

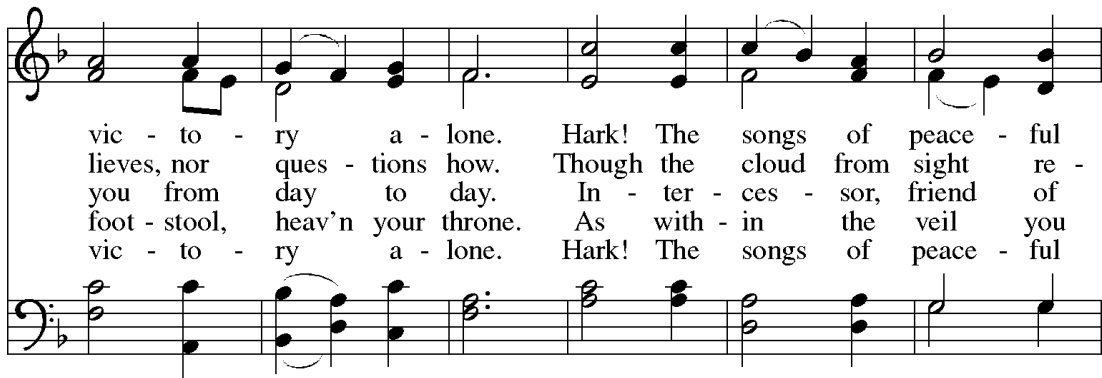
Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

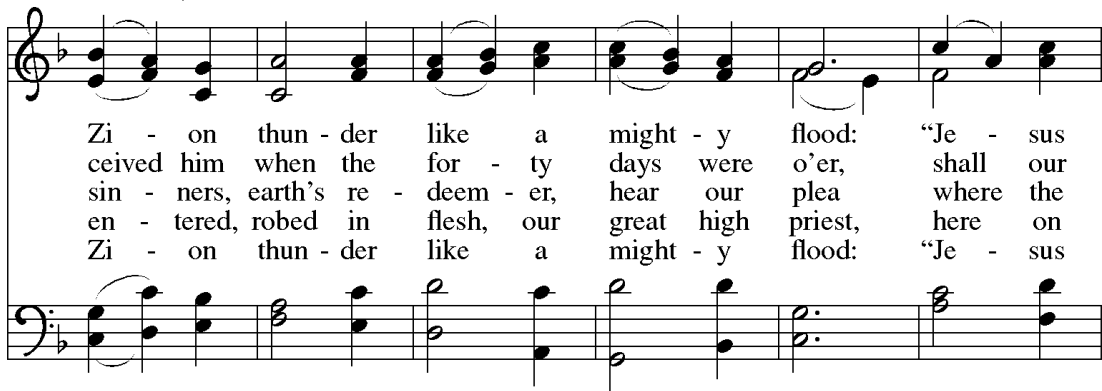
"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,


his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

THE NICENE CREED

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

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

THE PRAYERS

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

After each petition:

A Lord, in your mercy;

C **Hear our prayer.**

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

C **Amen.**

Remember in our prayers... Beth Lester, Jim Shinabargar, David Doll, Linda Slates, Rich Meneley, Twyla Ridder, Jennifer Rockwood, Don Melick, Tom Zawodny, Betty Milner, Rod Rice, Sue Ross, Mary Ross, Jim Ross

THE PEACE

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

C **And also with you.**

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

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE MEAL

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:15 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" - *arr. Mark Sedio*

Linda Hoch— Organ

11:00 "Lord of Peace" - *Tina English/ Joseph M. Martin*

Grace Singers Chancel Choir

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

THE OFFERTORY

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

THE LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER


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



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.

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the melody for the first line of text. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of text. The lyrics are: "Through him, with him, in him, in the u-ni-ty of the Ho-ly Spir-it, all hon-or and glo-ry is".



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*)



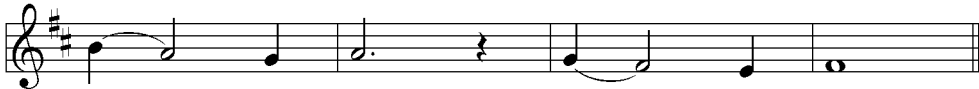
C Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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



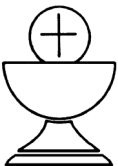
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS



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

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

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

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

COMMUNION HYMN "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Linda Hoch - Organ

"Veni sponsa Christi" - Christopher Uehlein

After all have communed, please stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

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

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

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Savior, Again to Your Dear Name”

1 Sav - ior, a - gain to your dear name we raise
 2 Grant us your peace up - on our home - ward way;
 3 Grant us your peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
 4 Grant us your peace through - out our earth - ly life,

with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
 with you be - gan, with you shall end the day;
 for us trans - form its dark - ness in - to light.
 our balm in sor - row, and our stay in strife;

once more we bless you ere our wor - ship cease,
 guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
 Keep us from harm and dan - ger till the dawn;
 then, when your voice shall bid our con - flict cease,

then, low - ly bend - ing, wait your word of peace.
 that in this house have called up - on your name.
 your eve - ning pres - ence prom - ise to your own.
 call us, O Lord, to your e - ter - nal peace.

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

"The Church's One Foundation" - arr. David Cherwien

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...

Chris and Linda Hoch in celebration of Benny's 15th birthday.
 Amy Quinn in memory of William and Janice Sweet.

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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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:

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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.

Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 17: 8:15: 84; 11:00: 110; total: 194

MUSIC NOTES

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" – arr. Wilbur Held

The hymn's author, John D. Fawcett (1740-1817), having received a call to a church in London, resigned his pastorate in Wainsgate, Yorkshire and was preparing to move, with personal belongings all packed and loaded. His congregation was grief stricken at the thought of his leaving and he and his wife shared the feeling, so they changed their plans and decided to remain. It has been said that this hymn was written as the result of this experience, and it first appeared in Fawcett's *Hymns adapted to the circumstances of Public Worship and Private Devotion* (1782).

"Savior, Again to Your Dear Name" – arr. Ron Schmoltze

Anadiplosis (from the Greek, ana = back + diplous = double, "to be doubled back") is a poetic device in which a word or thought at the end of one stanza is used to start the next one. Here anadiplosis is used from the first stanza to set off the next three: "wait your word of peace" at the end of the first stanza is given specificity in the following stanzas as peace "upon our homeward way," "through the coming night," and "throughout our earthly life." The hymn was written by John Ellerton (1826-1893) in 1866 for the Festival of the Malpas, Middlewich, and Nantwich Choral Association of Cheshire, England. Ellerton reworked it and shortened its six stanzas to four for the 1868 Appendix to *Hymns Ancient and Modern*.

"Alleluia! "Sing to Jesus" – arr. Mark Sedio

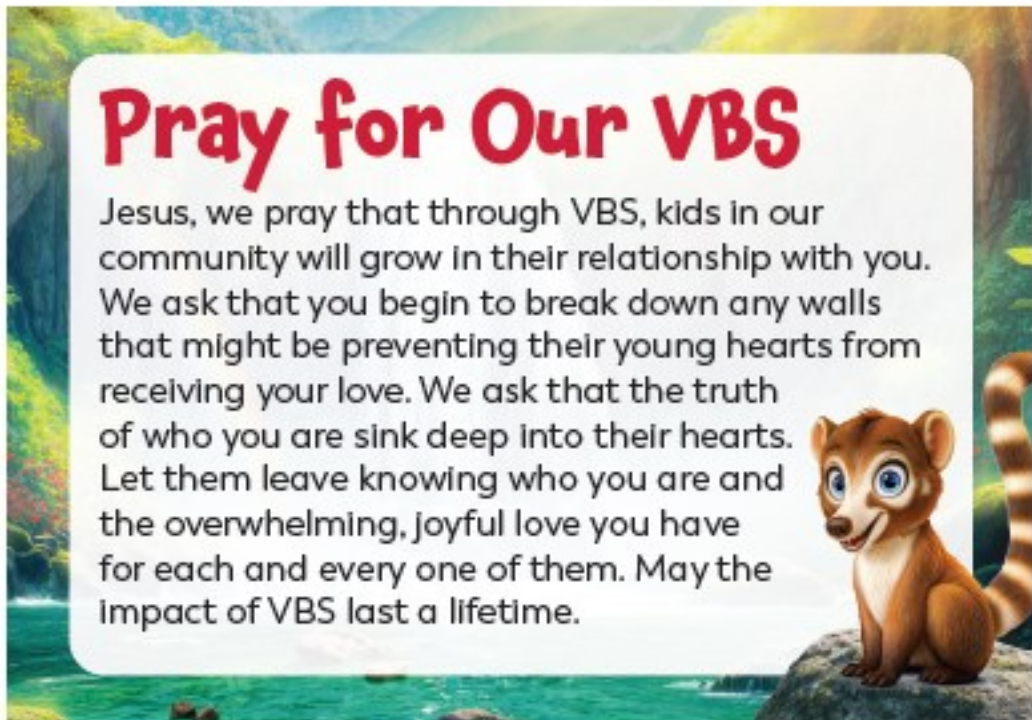
One does not expect an insurance agent to write hymns, but William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) turned to the field of letters and wrote this text as a new Communion hymn for the Church of England. It first appeared in *Altar Songs, Verses on the Holy Eucharist, No. 7* (1867) with the original title "Redemption by the Precious Blood" based on Revelation 5:9.

"Lord of Peace" – Tina English/ Joseph M. Martin

This arrangement is an earnest prayer for peace and guidance. The anthem soars with quiet beauty to the final reverent "Amen."

“The Church’s One Foundation” – arr. David Cherwien

A mid-19th century controversy over a new way of studying and interpreting scripture advocated by Bishop Colenso of Natal was the source of this hymn, a defense of the traditional way of interpretation. Christ is the foundation (I Corinthians 3:11), its members are his “new creation” (II Corinthians 5:17), and they are his “holy bride” for whom he gave his life (Ephesians 5:25). It is the most familiar statement about the church in hymn literature.



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ACOLYTE	8:15 Lauren Place 11:00 Gabriel Young
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USHERS	8:15 Bela Bernhardt, Chris Banks, Dan George, John Kotik 11:00 Beverly Grubb, Mike Grubb, Tom Seamon
GREETERS	8:15 Vanessa Stewart 11:00 Jim and Sue Monroe
LITTLE LAMBS	8:15 Julie Young 11:00 Amy Quinn
NURSERY ATTENDANTS	Kaitlyn F., Donna P.
ALTAR GUILD	Team 3- Vanessa Stewart, Lois Bernhardt, Jodie Arreguin, Amy Quinn, Linda Reasoner, Ellen Paulus, Joanne Figge
SOUND TECHNICIANS	Chris Banks, Eric Bush, Dan George, Paul Grant, Brice Graves

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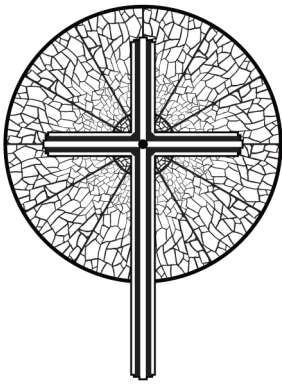
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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church has been serving the Westerville community for more than 115 years, supporting local ministries such as the Westerville Area Resource Ministry, Westerville Partnership Habitat for Humanity, and Westerville CROP Walk.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

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

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



This Week at Grace: May 17-24, 2026

Amazing God-- Amazing Grace-- Amazing Worship!

May 17	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/ MUSIC FESTIVAL SUNDAY
	8:15 am Worship Service
	9:40 am Sunday School and Confirmation (<i>Last Sunday, Resumes in September</i>)
	9:45 am Adult Learning (Fellowship Hall) (<i>Last Sunday, Resumes in September</i>)
	11:00 am Worship Service
	Special Congregational Meeting Following the 11am Service
	12:45 pm Concert Rehearsal (Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall)
	4:00 pm Amazing Grace Concert Series presents <i>Festival of Church Music</i> Concert (Sanctuary)
	Little Dresses for Africa due
MON	1:00 pm Euchre Group (Loaves and Fishes Café)
TUES	noon-6pm Blood Drive (Gathering Space and Loaves and Fishes Café)
	8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	Items/Reports Due for May 26 Council Meeting
WED.	Women's Bible Study on break and will resume June 3
	7:00 pm Grace Singers Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Rose Garden 2&3)
	7:30 pm Scioto Valley B&PC Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
THURS	6:15 pm Supper Club @ Highbank Distillery, Gahanna
	6:30 pm Rotary Meeting (Loaves and Fishes Café)
	7:30 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
FRI.	8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
SAT	9:30 am AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
May 24	DAY OF PENTECOST
	8:15 am Worship Service
	9:40 am Sunday School and Confirmation
	9:45 am Adult Learning (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00 am Worship Service

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

Date	Upcoming Events
Mondays 6:30 PM	Monday Night Bible Study of Romans (ongoing)
May	No Women's Wednesday Bible Study in May
May 30, 2:00-4:00 PM	Mini golf at Westerville Golf Center
June 3, 10:30AM	Women's Wednesday Bible Study resumes
June 7	Graduate recognition at Sunday Service
June 7, 12:30pm	OWL Reveal Party after the 11am service: lunch with reveal and a craft to do together
June 20	9am-noon: Westerville Farmers Market: Grace Outreach Tent
July 12-16	VBS: Rainforest Falls, Exploring the Nature of God
July 18	9am-noon: Westerville Farmers Market: Grace Outreach Tent
August 29	9am-noon: Westerville Farmers Market: Grace Outreach Tent



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.

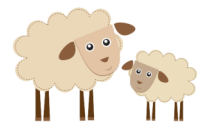
Breaking News!! Starting May 1, 2026 the Loaves & Fishes Cafe is under new Leadership! Donna & Chuck Dettman and Ruth Osborn have stepped forward to take over the ministry of our beloved Loaves & Fishes Cafe - Please thank them for their willingness to serve our Grace Family !

Altar Guild Leaders & new members needed!



Setting the Lord's table facilitating communion for our Grace family weekly is a quiet but vital ministry. It is faithfully provided by around 30 members divided into 3 teams that rotate the responsibilities monthly. Since July 2020, I have had the privilege of leading these dedicated members through the needed changes for Covid and multiple interim Pastors, into a respectful, safe, and well established ministry with Pastor Wendel. My plan is to step down no later than September 1, 2026. My plan would be to use the time til September to establish new leadership and orient new members to this ministry. Ideally, the leadership would be shared by more than one person, but can also be done solo as I have for these years. Please prayerfully consider your commitment to this vital ministry of Grace and please contact me or Pastor Wendel with your interest or questions! Vanessa Stewart 614-588-2712.

Little Lambs Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed!



Little Lambs

Little Lambs Children's Ministry welcomes children ages 3 through 3rd grade for a fun, age-appropriate Bible lesson during the 8:15 AM and 11:00 AM worship services. Children are invited to leave after the Gospel reading and return during the offering in time for Holy Communion.

We are currently looking for caring, committed volunteers to serve during the 11:00 AM service. If you enjoy working with children and sharing God's love in a meaningful, joyful way, we'd love for you to be part of this special ministry!

Summer Worship with a new Musical Setting! As has been the case in the past, during the summer, we will be using a musical setting which is contemporary, in the sense that it was not composed in the 1500's, or even the 1800's, and is a bit more lyrical and singable—maybe even with a catchy tune you will be humming during the week!



The “Mass of Creation” is especially appropriate during the summer months. Of course, the text will be the traditional wording of the historic liturgy but set to a new musical setting. It is composed by Marty Haugen, who also composed the Holden Evening Prayer which so many love, as well as the “Now the Feast and Celebration” liturgy we used last summer! While it may take a couple of Sundays to familiarize ourselves with the new music, it is easily learned and sung!

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



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



YOUTH & FAMILY SUNDAY MORNINGS & WORSHIP RESOURCES

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

NURSERY CARE (INFANTS – AGE 6)

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

BUSY BAGS

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

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS

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

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

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL (PRESCHOOL – HIGH SCHOOL)

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

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

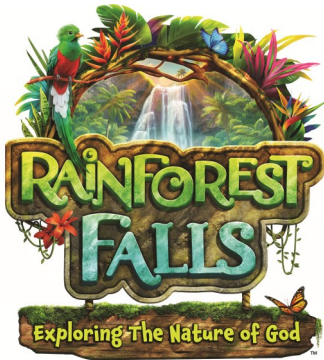
CONTACT: Molly King, m.king@grace43081.org, 614-882-3026

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

- May 30, 2-4pm: Westerville Putt Putt
- June 7, OWL Reveal Party (after the 11am service) and Graduate Sunday
- 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



Registration NOW Open

This year our VBS program is Rainforest Falls, Exploring the Nature of God. Our program is Monday, July 12-Thursday, July 16, 5:30-8pm.

COLLECTING ITEMS FOR VBS

We also need lime green tablecloths. 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:** Join our Adult Bible Study for “*Don’t Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table.*” In this video-based study, pastor and bestselling author Louie Giglio explores Psalm 23, offering practical insight on overcoming life’s challenges and finding lasting peace and spiritual security. Facilitated by Bill Kulju, this study began March 1 and meets Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall.
- **Band of Brothers for Younger Men/Working Men-Tuesday, May 12, 6:30 PM-** Our group for younger men/working men will begin a new study on “Systematic Theology,” which has 52 thought-provoking studies to help Christians understand more deeply, core beliefs and teachings of Holy Scripture. The study is discussion oriented and leans toward “apologetics,” helping us to

know how to explain and defend Christian doctrine, as the Word of God encourages us to always be ready to explain the hope we have in Christ, but gently and respectfully,” 1 Peter 3:15.

- **Grace Sisterhood’s** next meeting is **June 8 at 7pm at The Hoover Bar and Kitchen**. We will continue meeting the 2nd Monday of each month (so mark your new 2026 calendars so you can join in the fellowship). We are studying, “Women and Identity” by Adele Ahlberg Calhoun & Tracey D Bianchi. All younger/working women of the congregation (and friends!) are invited and welcome! Contact: Melissa Hodek
- **Katharine Circle** will meet **Monday, June 1 for their lunch location TBA. Study 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, May 16, 8 AM** in the Loaves and Fishes Cafe. We continue the study of the Gospel of Luke! Pastor Wendel facilitates the study. Join us for breakfast, study and fellowship.
- **Monday Night Bible Study of Romans continues Mondays, 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 continues, Pastor Wendel is leading a study of Paul’s Letter to the Romans, Mondays, 6:30 PM. If you have hoped for a fuller grasp of Luther and the Lutheran understanding of “justification by grace through faith,” you are welcome!
- **Ruth Circle** will meet in Rose Garden Room #1 on **Monday, May 11 at 1:00 p.m.** We will be discussing our study series on Life’s Challenges. All are welcome.
- **Wednesday, Women's Bible study will begin a new study on June 3, at 10:30 am.** Our next study is "Angels: Finding Hope in God Who Reigns over Heaven and Earth."By Melissa Spoelstra. This eight-week study will explore scripture from Genesis to Revelation regarding angels: who they are, what they do, and what they have to do with you. If you are interested see Molly King or email at m.king@grace43081.org

HOSPITALITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Euchre group will meet **Monday, May 18, 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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Our next Red Cross Blood Drive is Tuesday, May 19 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



OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Attention Grace Stitchers! Sunday May 17th TODAY is the last day to contribute your Little Dresses for Africa - Grace Stitcher Shirley Hodeck is planning to drop off our 'stitches of love' in person to the headquarters for Little Dresses for Africa on her trip to the Dakota's! Thank you Shirley for providing us with this 'special delivery'

Do you shop at Kroger? If you do and haven't already, please **enroll** in the **Kroger Community Rewards Program** and choose **Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church (org. #: PV731)** as your non-profit organization. It's a Win-Win for everyone! Of your Kroger purchases 0.5% will be credited to Grace! It adds up quick and is easy to do. If you are already signed up, you no longer need to re-enroll. Enroll at: www.krogercommunityrewards.com. **From February through April, 47 generous households chose Grace for the Kroger rewards program and donated a total of \$131.66.**



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

- Broths (Poultry, Beef, Veg)
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Tomatoes
- Cereal
- Condiments/Dressings/Sauces
- Hamburger Helpers
- Paper Products (Paper Towels, Toilet Paper)
- Pasta Sauce
- Salt/Pepper/Seasonings

We cannot accept food that has reached its expiration date. Any fresh produce, baked goods and dairy products take directly to Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM). Make Checks Payable to:



Grace Lutheran Church, memo notation for WARM. Blessings to all who are making this a part of your regular tithes and offerings.

FOOD/HYGIENE MONTHLY TOTAL= 151 lbs.; YEAR TO DATE TOTAL=952 lbs.

MONTHLY MONETARY= \$1,355.12; YEAR TO DATE TOTAL MONETARY= \$4,576.62

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

We are scheduled for Westerville Farmers Markets on the following days and need your help to make it a successful community outreach:

- June 20,
- July 18, and
- August 29.

What is the focus of Intercessory Prayer? From Donna Dettmann



Many think that most intercessory prayers are prayers of petition and intercession, other areas that are traditionally covered could include:

Individual concerns of the congregation and our local community.

For our country, the welfare of the world and all those in authority.

Those who labor and each of us in our daily callings.

All those who are suffering in mind, body or spirit.

How can you ask the Intercessory Prayer Team to join you in your prayer request?

1. There is a Prayer Chest at the back of the church - on a table with prayer request forms and pens. Or use any scrap of paper you may have.

2. What about the Grace website? You can use it from your home, office - anywhere you like: Grace website: grace43081.org The link for "Prayer Request" is found on the top right-hand side of the first page.

Your name, as the prayer requestor, is optional.

Let the 19 members of the Intercessory Prayer Team join you in prayer, asking God for your need.

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God Shall Arise

Find the 36 **bold** words from Psalm 68:1-6 (ESV).

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

God shall arise, his **enemies** shall be **scattered**; and those who **hate** him shall **flee before** him! As **smoke** is **driven away**, so you shall **drive** them away; as **wax melts** before **fire**, so the **wicked** shall **perish** before God! But the **righteous** shall be **glad**; they shall **exult** before God; they shall be **jubilant** with **joy**! **Sing** to God, sing **praises** to his **name**; **lift** up a **song** to him who **rides** through the **deserts**; his name is the LORD; exult before him! **Father** of the **fatherless** and **protector** of **widows** is God in his **holy habitation**. God **settles** the **solitary** in a **home**; he **leads** out the **prisoners** to **prosperity**, but the **rebellious dwell** in a parched **land**.

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Grace Ringers
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Advent and Lenten Midweek Evening Prayer services
Outreach through Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM)
Founding Congregation of Habitat for Humanity Partnership
Alcoholics Anonymous meetings**

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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