

# **Fourth Sunday in Lent**



**March 15, 2026**

# Welcome to Grace

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## PRELUDE

*"Andante Cantabile" - Charles Marie Widor*

## Announcements

## Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
*(Matthew 28:19b)*

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.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C **And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word and deed; wherefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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. The Almighty and merciful God grant unto you, being penitent, pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of His Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## ENTRANCE HYMN

## "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
 3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred  
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,  
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
 name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
 three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with  
 and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to  
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"  
 set of sun through the church the song goes on.  
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

# 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.
- C** **And also with you.**

## KYRIE

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

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

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

**A** 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.

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

**A** For this ho-ly house, and for all who of-fer here their wor-ship and praise,

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

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY



☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.  
O Lord our God, you sent forth your Son to bring light and sight to a dark world, blinded by sin, death and the devil. Open our eyes that we may see and know the truth of your Word, boldly reflecting light into every dark corner, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

*Please be seated.*

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:14-21

<sup>14</sup>For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. <sup>15</sup>I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. <sup>16</sup>And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. <sup>17</sup>They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods." <sup>18</sup>Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! <sup>19</sup>Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? <sup>20</sup>He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. <sup>21</sup>The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 142



In the LORD I have ta - ken ref - uge.



L <sup>1</sup>I cry to the Lord | with my voice;  
to the Lord I make loud | supplication.

C <sup>2</sup>I pour out my com- | plaint before him  
and tell him | all my trouble.

L <sup>3</sup>When my spirit languishes within me, you | know my path;  
in the way wherein I walk they have hidden a | trap for me.

**C**<sup>4</sup>I look to my right hand and find no<sup>1</sup> one who knows me;  
I have no place to flee to, and no one<sup>1</sup> cares for me. Refrain

**L**<sup>5</sup>I cry out to<sup>1</sup> you, O Lord;

I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."

**C**<sup>6</sup>Listen to my cry for help, for I have been brought<sup>1</sup> very low;

save me from those who pursue me, for they are too<sup>1</sup> strong for me.

**L**<sup>7</sup>Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks<sup>1</sup> to your name;

when you have dealt bountifully with me, the righteous will gath-<sup>1</sup>er around me. Refrain

## SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

<sup>8</sup>... {F}or at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light<sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true),<sup>10</sup> and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.<sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.<sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret.<sup>13</sup> But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible,<sup>14</sup> for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## RETURN TO THE LORD



**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## HOLY GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>As {Jesus} passed by, he saw a man blind from birth.<sup>2</sup>And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"<sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him."<sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work.<sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."<sup>6</sup>Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud<sup>7</sup> and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.<sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not

the man who used to sit and beg?”<sup>9</sup> Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.”<sup>10</sup> So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?”<sup>11</sup> He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.”<sup>12</sup> They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind.<sup>14</sup> Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes.<sup>15</sup> So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.”<sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them.<sup>17</sup> So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”<sup>18</sup> The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight<sup>19</sup> and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?”<sup>20</sup> His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind.<sup>21</sup> But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.”<sup>22</sup> (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.)<sup>23</sup> Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”<sup>24</sup> So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.”<sup>25</sup> He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”<sup>26</sup> They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?”<sup>27</sup> He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?”<sup>28</sup> And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.<sup>29</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.”<sup>30</sup> The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes.<sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him.<sup>32</sup> Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind.<sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”<sup>34</sup> They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”<sup>36</sup> He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?”<sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.”<sup>38</sup> He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.<sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”<sup>40</sup> Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?”<sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated.*

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

**SERMON**

**The Rev. Dr. Dennis Di Mauro**

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

**TE DEUM:** *The Te Deum (also known as Te Deum Laudamus) is an early Christian creedal hymn of praise. The title comes from the opening Latin words, "You, God, we praise..." Authorship is ascribed to Saints Ambrose and Augustine, on the occasion of the latter's baptism by the former in 338 AD. The hymn combines a vision of the heavenly liturgy with a declaration of faith.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Te Deum"**

1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.  
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of . . . . . Sab - a - oth;  
 3 The noble army of martyrs . . . . . praise — You.

1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.  
 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.  
 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:

1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.  
 2 The glorious company of the apostles . . . . . praise — You.  
 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;  
 4 You are the king of glory, . . . . . O — Christ;

1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:  
 2 The goodly fellowship of the . . . . . proph-ets praise — You.  
 3 also the Holy . . . . . Ghost, the Com-fort - er.  
 4 You are the everlasting Son . . . . . of the Fa - ther. ▶

5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,  
6 You sit at the right . . . . . hand of God

5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.  
6 in the glory . . . . . of the Fa - ther.

5 When You had overcome the . . . . . sharpness of death,  
6 We believe that . . . . . You will come

5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
6 to . . . . . be our judge.

7 We therefore pray You to help Your . . . . . ser - vants,  
 8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . . her - i - tage.  
 9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.

7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.  
 8 Govern them and lift . . . . . them up for - ev - er.  
 9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.

7 Make them to be numbered . . . . . with Your saints  
 8 Day by day we . . . . . magni - fy You.  
 9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.

7 in glory . . . . . ev - er - last - ing.  
 8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.  
 9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

## THE PRAYERS

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

*After each petition:*

A Lord, in your mercy;

C **Hear our prayer.**

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

C **Amen.**

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

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## The Peace

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

C **And also with you.**

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

*Please be seated.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE MEAL

### MUSICAL OFFERING

8:15 "O Blessed Cross of Calvary!" - *J. Paul Williams/Lloyd Larson* **Grace Singers Chancel Choir**

11:00 "It Was for Me"- *by Charles Blount* **Robin Buser and Larry Schaller**

*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 blessing.  
Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Blessed are you,

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

### THE LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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



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



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



☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☑ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . *The Presider continues with the preface, concluding: ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

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



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

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P** Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.  
 In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,  
 that all those who believe in him should not perish,  
 but have eternal life.  
 We give thanks to you  
 for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.  
 Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
 that we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
 as he comes to us in his holy supper.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

- P** 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.

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

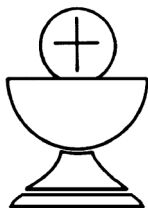
**C** **Blessed are those who are invited to the supper of the Lamb!**  
(*Revelation 19:9*)

### LAMB OF GOD (*John 1: 29*)

**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. A - men

*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 "Be Thou My Vision"**



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

*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.

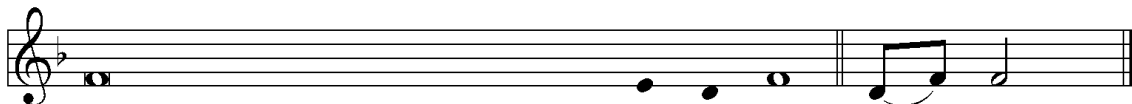
**C** Amen.

## 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*)



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## THE RITE OF SENDING

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

## POSTLUDE

"Fanfare and Celebration" - *Pamela Robinson*

**Ron Kenreich**

**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.

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*thank you!* Twyla Ridder extends a sincere thank you to those who provided cards, food, visitation and prayers for her recent surgery and current recovery.

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**Please keep Lois Rumph and family** in your prayers, as her brother Don Rumph passed away March 9, 2026.

Romans 14: *Whether we live or whether we die, we belong to the Lord.*

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**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:**

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- 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.

**Mid-Week Lenten Service, March 4:** 12:15pm: 31; 7:00pm: 43; total: 74

**Third Sunday in Lent, March 8:** 8:15: 54; 11:00: 97; total: 151

**Amazing Grace concert,** Youth Philharmonic of Central Ohio, March 9, 7:30pm: 165

# You're Invited!

## 2026 ANNUAL WESTERVILLE COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST

"Glorify God Among the Nations, Seeking  
Him in All Generations"

Benefitting the Mission of  WARM

### National Day of Prayer

May 7, 2026

**7am-8:30am**

Doors open at 6:30am

### The Renaissance

409 Altair Pkwy, Westerville

**RSVP by April 7**

Tickets: \$45 per person

Register at

[warmwesterville.org/prayer-breakfast](http://warmwesterville.org/prayer-breakfast)

GUEST SPEAKER  
**JENNIFER SHAW**



Telly Award winning speaker,  
Amazon best-selling author,  
5-time top 40 Billboard artist

## You Are My Refuge

Find the 39 **bold** words from Psalm 142 (ESV).

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

With my **voice** I cry out to the **LORD**; with my voice I **plead** for **mercy** to the LORD. I **pour** out my **complaint** before him; I **tell** my **trouble** before him. When my **spirit faints** within me, you **know** my **way**! In the **path** where I **walk** they have **hidden** a **trap** for me. **Look** to the **right** and **see**: there is none who takes **notice** of me; no **refuge** remains to me; no one **cares** for my **soul**. I cry to you, O LORD; I say, “You are my refuge, my **portion** in the **land** of the **living**.” **Attend** to my cry, for I am brought very **low**! **Deliver** me from my **persecutors**, for they are too **strong** for me! Bring me out of **prison**, that I may give **thanks** to your **name**! The **righteous** will **surround** me, for you will **deal bountifully** with me.

## Serving Today

PREACHER	The Rev. Dr. Dennis Di Mauro
OFFICIATING	The Rev. Dr. David Wendel
COMMISSIONED LAY MINISTER	Molly King
ASSISTING MINISTER	8:15 Fred Pfanz 11:00 Rodger Retherford
ORGANIST	Ron Kenreich
SACRISTAN	Fred Pfanz
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Dr. Helen Kang
BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR	Maria Laderman
CANTOR	Chris Troutman
ACOLYTE	8:15 Leah Place 11:00 Emily Odum
LECTOR	8:15 Lisa Kuhar 11:00 Sarah Odum
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	8:15 Regina Place, Bill Kulju 11:00 Denise Reynard, Tom Seamon
USHERS	8:15 Bob Andrews, Steve Young, Randy Stoll 11:00 Joe Moleno, Merlin Breen, Dick Jones, Brice Graves
GREETERS	8:15 Paul Whitacre 11:00 Verna Kreachbaum
LITTLE LAMBS	8:15 Cathy Burner 11:00 Denise Reynard
NURSERY ATTENDANTS	Kaitlyn F., Donna P.
ALTAR GUILD	Team 2: Julie Hartfelder, Karen Bale, Tami Banks, Carolyn Rearick, Sue Miller, Bonnie Sawyer, Marge Cepek, JoAnn Slemmer
SOUND TECHNICIANS	Chris Banks, Eric Bush, Dan George, Paul Grant, Brice Graves

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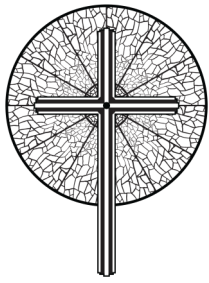
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**Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church** has been serving the Westerville community for more than 115 years, supporting local ministries such as the Westerville Area Resource Ministry, Westerville Partnership Habitat for Humanity, and Westerville CROP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

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

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



## This Week at Grace: March 15-22, 2026

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Amazing God-- Amazing Grace-- Amazing Worship!

March 15	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (WELCOME PASTOR DENNIS DI MAURO)</b>
	8:15 am      Worship Service
	<b>9:30am      GLCC Information Session/SubSplash Info</b>
	9:40 am      Sunday School and Confirmation
	9:45 am      Adult Learning (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00 am     Worship Service
	12:15pm     MS and HS Lunch Club at Chipotle
MON	6:30 pm      Band of Brothers
TUES	10:30 am     Senior "Social" Moments (Loaves and Fishes Café)
	6:30 pm      Council Meeting
	8:00 pm      AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
WED.	<b>LENTEN MID-WEEK SERVICES</b>
	10:30 am     Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	<b>12:15 pm     Holy Communion</b>
	6:00 pm      Grace Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	<b>6:00 pm      Congregational Soup Supper (Fellowship Hall)</b>
	<b>7:00 pm      Evening Prayer</b>
	7:30 pm      Grace Singers Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Rose Garden 2&3)
	7:30 pm      Scioto Valley B&PC Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
THURS	9:15 am      BSF Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	10:00 am     Staff Meeting
	6:15 pm      Supper Club @ MiaMar Grill
	6:30 pm      Rotary Meeting
	7:30 pm      AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
FRI.	8:00 pm      AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
SAT	8:00 am      Men of Grace (Loaves and Fishes Café)
	9am-noon     First Communion Instruction
	9:30 am      AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	8:00 pm      AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
March 22	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT</b>
	8:15 am      Worship Service
	<b>9:30am      GLCC Information Session/SubSplash Info</b>
	9:40 am      Sunday School and Confirmation
	9:45 am      Adult Learning (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00 am     Worship Service
	12:15pm     Passion Sunday Play Rehearsal

Date	Upcoming Events
March 25 (Wed)	Mid-Week Lenten Service – 12:15 PM Holy Communion; 7:00 PM Evening Prayer
March 29 (Sun)	Palm Sunday Skit
March 29 (Sun)	Columbus Blue Jackets vs. Boston Bruins – 5:00 PM (ticket deadline 3/4)
March 30 (Mon)	Euchre Group-1:00 PM
April 1 (Wed)	Fully Transition to SubSplash Giving (see Online Giving Update)
April 11 (Sat)	Game Day
April 12 (Sun)	Confirmation
April 12 (Sun)	Secret Sister Forms Due
April 18 (Sat)	Hustle for Habitat 5K – Hoff Woods Park
April 19 (Sun)	Secret Sister Gathering After Second Service
April 26 (Sun)	Columbus Fury Event
May 3 (Sun)	MS & HS Lunch Club
May 17 (Sun)	OWL Reveal Party
May 30 (Sat)	Westerville Putt Putt
July 12–16	Vacation Bible School – Rainforest Falls

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## Online Giving Update

By April 1, 2026, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church is moving our online giving from Vanco to Subsplash. This change will make giving easier and help reduce administrative costs so more funds support ministry.



If you currently have recurring giving set up through Vanco, please create your new giving profile at:  
<https://subsplash.com/u/-KJ4PQ7/give> OR scan the QR code

Then cancel your recurring gift in Vanco before April 1.

If you need assistance, contact Debbie Yoho in the church office at 614-882-3026 or [d.yoho@grace43081.org](mailto:d.yoho@grace43081.org).

Giving by cash, check, bill pay continue to be options as well to participate in giving. Thank you for your faithful generosity and support of Grace’s ministry!

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### LAETARE Mid-Lent Congregational Soup Supper! Wednesday, March 18, 6 PM

Although we are not having every week Lenten soup suppers, we will have one fellowship soup supper March 18, 6 PM! The fourth Sunday in Lenten is traditionally “Laetare Sunday,” which means “Rejoicing Sunday,” to give the church a brief respite of joy in the middle of



Lent. The following Wednesday, our soup supper will give us a bit of joy and fellowship in mid-Lent!

The Kitchen Krew will provide soup, with a freewill offering to cover the cost. Larry Seifert, our resident baker, will provide breads! Please sign up at the Welcome Desk at church, or send an email to the church office if you intend to come, so we have plenty of soup and bread! Come enjoy an evening of fellowship in the middle of Lent!

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## **Lenten Midweek Worship Services**

**Wednesdays, Holy Communion 12:15 PM and Evening Prayer 7 PM**

Following Ash Wednesday, two opportunities for midweek Lenten worship will be offered this year, with a simple, spoken Service of Holy Communion on Wednesdays at 12:15 PM and Evening Prayer from the Lutheran Book of Worship at 7 PM. Both will have brief homilies based on either the first or second lesson from the preceding Sunday and will last no more than 30 minutes.

We will not have soup suppers this year, taking a break from this practice in previous years. It's always good in the church to try something new and different, assessing whether "What we have always done" is still meeting current needs and serving a valuable purpose. Our focus this year will be on the midweek worship services, with additional opportunities for prayer, worship and devotion!

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### **2026 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL**

**"Grace Upon Grace; A Devotional Journey From Ashes to Easter"** from the Rev. Dr. David Wendel is now available

to **download** at [www.Grace43081.org](http://www.Grace43081.org) and to share with others who may be seeking a faithful Lenten resource. Each day includes three readings, Old Testament, Epistle and Gospel, although there is some flexibility, especially when arriving at Holy Week and Easter.

*This Lenten devotional is dedicated to the members and friends of Grace Lutheran, Westerville, although I hope others will find it helpful and a useful companion along the Lenten journey from Ash Wednesday to the Festival of the Resurrection of our Lord, Easter Sunday! My prayer is that each day God will share with us, grace upon grace!*

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



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



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

**HELP  
WANTED**

**Attention Lovers of Grace's Loaves & Fishes Hospitality!** Do you enjoy a wonderful hot cup of coffee, tea, or hot chocolate with a Tim Bit on Sunday mornings at Grace? Do you have a desire to help offer the 'hospitality of Grace?' to other members and visitors on Sunday mornings? Loaves & Fishes is looking for **YOU!** Please

contact Vanessa Stewart to explore what leadership in this ministry opportunity could offer to your Grace family!

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

**HELP  
WANTED**

### CHRISTIAN GROWTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

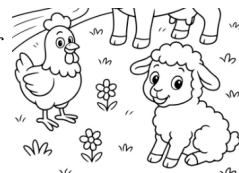
#### Youth and Family events for 2026

- March 15, MS & HS Lunch Club @ Chipotle
- **March 21, 9:00am-noon-First Communion Class**
- March 29
  - Palm Sunday skit
  - Columbus Blue Jackets Faith and Family Night, 5pm game vs. Boston Bruins (**Ticket sign-up deadline: March 4**)
- April 11, Game Day
- April 12, Confirmation
- April 26, Columbus Fury
- May 3, MS & HS Lunch Club
- May 17, OWL Reveal Party
- May 30, Westerville Putt Putt

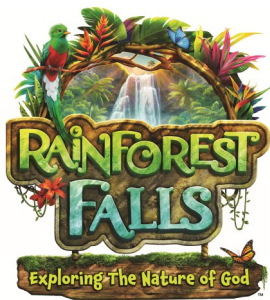


Pick up a **Lenten offering box** at the Welcome Center and fill it with loose change and during Lent. Return it on Easter to support WARM's Bac a Pac program — helping local children facing food insecurity. *Let's multiply blessings together.* Let me know if you have any questions.— Molly King

Good News at Grace! Our Youth Sunday School raised **\$155** to purchase a *Small Farm of Animals* through World Vision! Six ducks, two chickens, and two rabbits will provide eggs, nutrition, and sustainable income for a family in need. What a beautiful reminder that even small gifts can make a lasting impact. Way to go, Youth Sunday School!



**Senior "Social" Moment, Saint Patrick's Day party, March 17, 10:30 AM!**  
All seniors of the congregation and friends are invited to our March Senior "Social" Moment on Saint Patrick's Day, March 17, 10:30 AM! Of course, all are also invited to wear something green and maybe bring a GREEN treat to share!



### SAVE THE DATE

This year our VBS program is Rainforest Falls, Exploring the Nature of God. Our program is July 12-16.

### COLLECTING ITEMS FOR VBS

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

### Youth & Family Sunday Morning and Worship Resources

We are excited to support families and help children grow in faith! Here's how we welcome and care for your family Sunday mornings and during worship:



#### Nursery Care: For infants through age 6

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

Pagers available for parents – we'll page you if needed.

#### Busy Bags: Keep little hands busy during the service!

Age-appropriate books and activities.

Located on the coat tree by the entrance to the sanctuary.

#### Children's Bulletins

Engaging bulletins with activities that follow the lectionary.

Available at the usher's table.

#### Little Lambs Children's Ministry

For ages 3 through 3rd grade

Children leave worship after the Gospel reading for a fun, age-appropriate Bible lesson and return during the offering for Holy Communion.

Available at both worship services.

#### Sunday School

Every Sunday, 9:40 – 10:30 AM, September 7 – Memorial Day Weekend

Classes for Preschool through High School

Adult class also available



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church is committed to helping young people and families grow in faith and community. Contact Molly King, [m.king@grace43081.org](mailto:m.king@grace43081.org), 614-882-3026



**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

- **NEW Adult Education class:** Please consider joining the adult bible study for a new study entitled “Don’t Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table”. In this video Bible study, bestselling author and pastor Louie Giglio unpacks Psalm 23 to offer insight into how to overcome the enemy’s lies and find peace and spiritual security in any circumstance. This study is facilitated by Bill Kulju and will begin on **March 1** in the fellowship hall at 9:45am.
- **Band of Brothers:** Our monthly Bible study and fellowship group for younger men/working men, will be Monday, March 16, 6:30 PM. We have two chapters remaining in the Tony Dungy book on being men in today’s world.
- **Grace Sisterhood’s** next meeting is **April 13 at 7pm at The Hoover Bar and Kitchen**. We will continue meeting the 2nd Monday of each month (so mark your new 2026 calendars so you can join in the fellowship). We will be starting a new Bible Study, “Women and Identity” by Adele Ahlberg Calhoun & Tracey D Bianchi. All younger/working women of the congregation (and friends!) are invited and welcome! Contact: Melissa Hodek
- **Katharine Circle** will meet **Monday, April 6 at 1 p.m.** at church to continue our study, "Ambidextrous Christianity." Dorothy Crain will lead Session 6,.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, March 21, 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.
- **Ruth Circle** will meet in Rose Garden Room #1 on **Monday, April 13 at 1:00 p.m.** We will be discussing our study series on Life’s Challenges. All are welcome.
- **Wednesday Women's Bible** is studying "The Promise and Power of Easter" By Christine Caine and Lisa Harper. This is a 4 week Bible study of the Lenten season taking in the details of Jesus' life, the agony of His death, and the overwhelming joy of His resurrection. Join us **Wednesday mornings at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall!** You will be warmly welcomed! Interested contact Molly King.

## OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com). From November through January, 48 generous households chose Grace for the Kroger rewards program and donated a total of \$143.20.



**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: We had over 40 presenting donors. Our next Red Cross Blood Drive is Tuesday, May 19 from noon-6pm:** You can schedule an appointment by contacting the Red Cross at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and use our sponsor code: GraceLuthWesterville or call 1-800-Red Cross. Questions? Vanessa Stewart

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

- ❑ Canned Fruit, Pasta & Tomatoes
- ❑ Cereal
- ❑ Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo, BBQ sauce)
- ❑ Dishwasher detergent
- ❑ Disinfectant Wipes
- ❑ Paper Products (Paper Towels, Toilet Paper)
- ❑ Pudding & Jello Mix




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= 458 lbs.; YEAR TO DATE TOTAL=629 lbs.**  
**MONTHLY MONETARY= \$1,339.50 ; YEAR TO DATE TOTAL MONETARY= \$1,991.50**

**Who is an Intercessor?** From Donna Dettmann

Quite simply, intercessory prayer is the act of praying on behalf of others. Any Christian becomes an intercessor in prayer since it's offered to God through and by Christ. Jesus closed the gap between us and God when He died on the cross. Because of Jesus' mediation, we all can now intercede in prayer, on behalf of other Christians, asking God to grant their requests.

All Christians have the Holy Spirit in their hearts; therefore, the Holy Spirit intercedes for us in accordance with God's will and we are to intercede for one another. “. . . the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.” (Romans 8:26-27 NIV)



Let the Intercessory Prayer Team join you in prayer asking God for your need.

1. Use the Prayer Chest is at the back of the church - on the table with prayer request forms and pens.
2. You can also use the Grace website: [grace43081.org](http://grace43081.org) (The link for “Prayer Request” is found under “More” on the top right-hand side of the first page.) Your name is optional.

IPT members are sent prayer requests to pray daily for 2 weeks and your confidentiality is important to us.

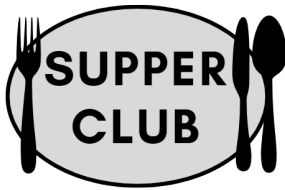
**Westerville Habitat Partnership is excited to host our second annual Hustle for Habitat 5K race Saturday, April 18, 2026 at Hoff Woods Park.**



This 5k run/walk will include 150-200 residents from Westerville and Central Ohio who love Habitat, love running, or just love helping members of their community. They also love supporting our business partners. As we prepare for this event we are seeking a sponsorships to support these efforts. Please consider or share with others who may want to connect and come RUN with us. \$500 and \$1000 sponsor levels will include 2 race entries. THANK YOU for your support. Contact: Tabitha Gusler, Member WHP, Hustle for Habitat 5K Committee, 740-504-0669, [TabithaG@kw.com](mailto:TabithaG@kw.com)

## HOSPITALITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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On February 19, Grace Supper Club dined at BJ's Brewhouse and had a wonderful evening of fellowship together. For March we have a reservation at MiaMar Grill on Thursday, March 19 for 6:15 p.m. MiaMar is located at 732 North State Street, Westerville 43081 (in the Giant Eagle shopping center.). In order for us to have an accurate headcount, we ask that you sign up in advance and include the total number in your party. A sign up sheet is available at the Welcome Center Desk. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!** Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Any questions, please see either Bev Grubb or Tami Stone."



**The Euchre group will meet Monday, March 30, 1pm–** A sign-up sheet is at the welcome desk. If you sign-up and need to cancel close to the group's meeting, please reach out to Lois Rumph or Karen Bale.

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

RSVP to [denise.reynard@rocketmail.com](mailto:denise.reynard@rocketmail.com).

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

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

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



**Ohio Mission Region Convocation: Our next convocation will happen on May 1-2, 2026, at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3220 Columbus St., Grove City, OH 43123.** The theme of the convocation this year will be **“Not Ashamed.”** We hope that every congregation and pastor of our SEOMD will be represented! You may click here: [tps://forms.gle/119ws9hHCxpGrAAj7](https://forms.gle/119ws9hHCxpGrAAj7) to get to the online registration form. Please get the word out to your congregational leaders and members. It would be great to see a large turnout at this important event in the life of our NALC Ohio Mission Region!



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CHAMBER  
ENSEMBLE



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

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