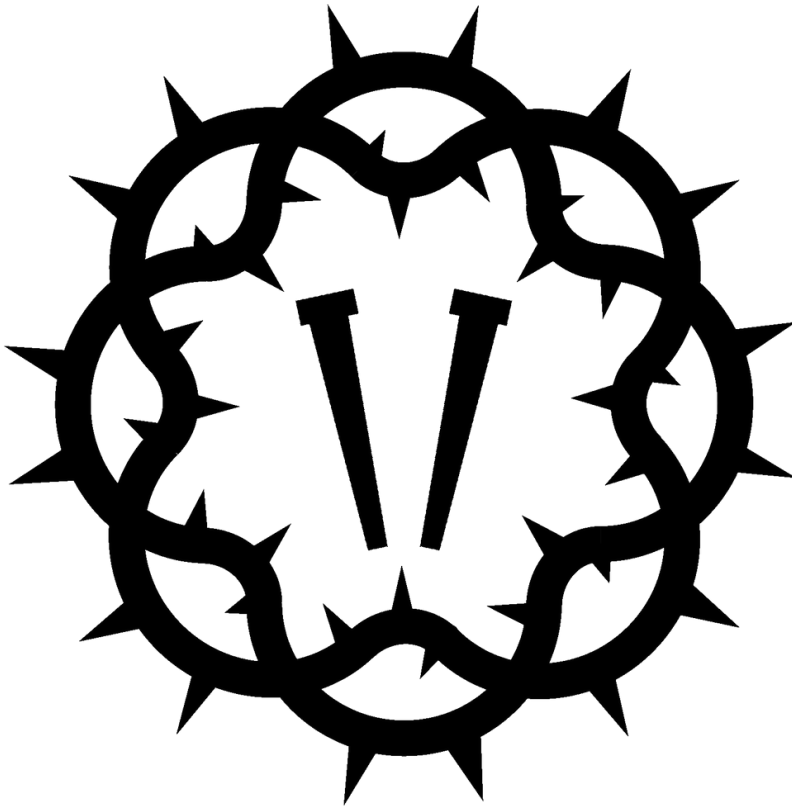


Second Sunday in Lent



March 1, 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

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" - *arr. David Cherwien*

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You" - *arr. A. D. Miller*

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

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
 the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

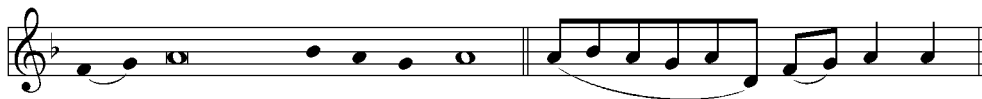
from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
 the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

The Liturgy of The Word

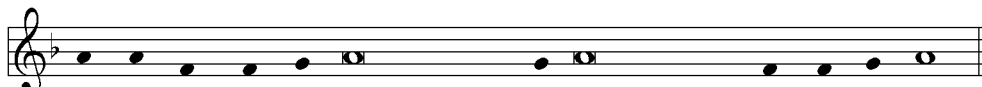
THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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



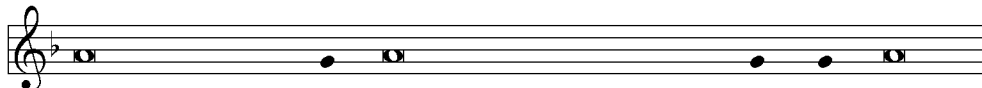
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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,



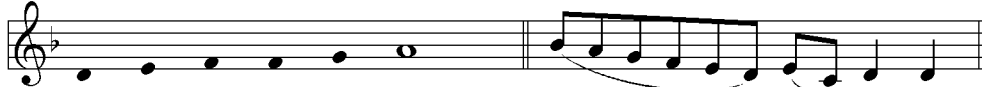
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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, in the waters of baptism we are born anew to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that we will always look to Jesus, lifted up on the cross, that we will not perish but have eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-9

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” ⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121



It is the LORD who watch - es o - ver you.



L ¹I lift up my eyes ¹to the hills;
from where is my ¹help to come?

**C²My help comes | from the Lord,
the maker of heav- | en and earth.**

L³He will not let your | foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not | fall asleep.

**C⁴Behold, he who keeps watch | over Israel
shall neither slum- | ber nor sleep; Refrain**

L⁵the Lord himself watches | over you;
the Lord is your shade at | your right hand,

**C⁶so that the sun shall not strike | you by day,
nor the | moon by night.**

L⁷The Lord shall preserve you | from all evil;
it is he who shall | keep you safe.

**C⁸The Lord shall watch over your going out and your | coming in,
from this time forth for- | evermore. Refrain**

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.”

⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: ⁷“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; ⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” ¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring — not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations” — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

RETURN TO THE LORD



☞ 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 3:1-17

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



¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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: "Loving Even the World!"

The Rev. Dr. David Wendel

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.*

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.**

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 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 "Lenten Prayer" - *Giovanni Battista Pergolesi/arr. Patrick M. Liebergen*

Grace Singers Chancel Choir

11:00 "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" - *Stuart Townend/arr. Larry Shackley*

Robin Buser - Piano

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

THE OFFERTORY



☞ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing.



Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u-



nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble with your



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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

THE LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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



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



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



☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☑ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

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



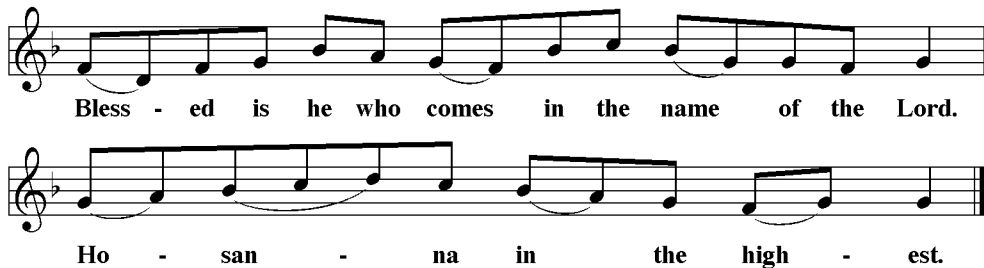
☑ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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...

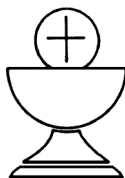
P Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. (*John 1:29*)
C **Blessed are those who are invited to the supper of the Lamb!**
(*Revelation 19:9*)

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 MUSIC

Robin Buser - Piano

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" - arr. Melody Bober

COMMUNION HYMN

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -

guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

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.**

SENDING OF OUR CARE TEAM

P Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your Word and sacrament with those who are sick or homebound. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in 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, Son and the Holy Spirit †

C **A - men**

RECESSIONAL HYMN "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

1 If you but trust in God to guide you And place your
 2 What gain is there in fu - tile weep - ing, In help - less
 3 In pa - tient trust a - wait his lei - sure In cheer - ful
 4 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing, Of - fer your

con - fi - dence in him, You'll find him al - ways there be -
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in his care and
 hope, with heart con - tent To take what - e'er your Fa - ther's
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly, And trust his word; though un - de -

side you, To give you hope and strength with - in. For those who
 keep - ing, In sor - row will he love you less? For he who
 plea - sure And all - dis - cern - ing love have sent; Doubt not your
 serv - ing, You'll find his prom - ise true to be. God nev - er

trust God's change-less love Build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross Will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
 in - most wants are known To him who chose you for his own.
 will for - sake in need The soul that trusts in him in - deed.

THE RITE OF SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

"Fugue Sur Les Jeux D'Anches" - *Francois Couperin*

Linda Hoch

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

Flowers are given by...

Lisa Kuhar in celebration of Emily Kuhar and Abbie Jones birthday.

Chris and Linda Hoch in celebration of Maggie's 12th birthday.

David and Sarah Odum in celebration of Emily's birthday and Kenny's birthday.

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



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 webpage 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. The *Simply Giving*® Program (endorsed by Thrivent Federal Credit Union) is an automated stewardship program that helps members give generously. Scan 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.

Shrove Tuesday, February 17: 7pm: 37

Ash Wednesday, February 18: 7:30am: 10; 12:15pm: 47; 7:00pm: 110; total: 167

First Sunday in Lent, February 22: 8:15: 51; 11:00: 124; total: 175

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!

2026 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

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MUSIC NOTES

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" – arr. David Cherwien

This text is a part of a poem published anonymously in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1872 in *Family Treasury*, a Scottish Presbyterian magazine. The editor added a comment that the hymn expressed "the experience, hopes and longings of a young lady lately released." The reference was to Miss Elizabeth C. Clephane (1830-1872), who had died three years earlier at the age of 39. Clephane spent most of her time in Melrose, the home of Sir Walter Scott. She was nicknamed "Sunbeam" because of her philanthropic work among the poor.

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You" – arr. A. D. Miller

Written by Georg Neumark in 1641, this text was captioned "A Song of Comfort: God will care for and help every one in His own time." The hymn was born out of a fortuitous change in Neumark's circumstances – following a time of hardship he was appointed to a tutorship. Based on Psalm 55:22 ("Cast thy burden on the Lord, and he shall sustain thee,") this hymn reminds us that God will care for and preserve his own in his own time. It does not promise that evil will never befall us, but it does promise to provide us with the strength to carry us through the evil days.

"Lenten Prayer" – Giovanni Battista Pergolesi/arr. Patrick M. Liebergen

"Lenten Prayer" is adapted from Giovanni Battista Pergolesi's *Salve Regina*. Pergolesi (1710-1736) was an Italian composer of numerous instrumental and vocal works in the Baroque style. He is especially revered today for his very successful comic operas. However, many of his sacred choral works are also highly regarded for their expressiveness and melodic charm.

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” – Stuart Townend/arr. Larry Shackley

Stuart Townend (b. 1963) grew up in West Yorkshire, England, the youngest son of an Anglican vicar. He started learning piano at a young age, and he began writing music at age 22. “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” is one of his better-known songs.

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” – arr. Melody Bober

The story of this hymn, sometimes titled “The Heavenly Vision,” appeared in a booklet by its author-composer, Helen Howarth Lemmel. In 1918 she saw these words in a pamphlet entitled “Focussed” by a missionary, Lillias Trotter:

So then, turn your eyes upon HIM. Look full into His face and you will find that the things of earth will acquire a strange, new dimness.

“Fugue sur les Jeux D’Anches” – François Couperin

François Couperin (1668-1733), surnamed “le Grand” on account of his superiority in organ playing, was the most illustrious member of a distinguished family and one of the greatest of early French composers. He was the son of Charles Couperin, his first teacher. He later became a student of Jacques-Denis Thomelin, organist of the King’s Chapel. In 1685 he became the organist of St.-Gervais, a post he held until his death. In 1693, after a successful competition, he succeeded Thomelin as organist of the King’s chapel, receiving the title of “organist du roi”. He was music master to the Dauphin and other members of the royal family and ranked high in the favor of King Louis XIV.

Help Comes from the Lord

Find the 31 **bold** words from Psalm 121 (ESV).

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

I **lift** up my **eyes** to the **hills**. From where does my help come?
My **help** comes from the **LORD**, who made **heaven** and **earth**. He
will not let your **foot** be **moved**; he who **keeps** you will not
slumber. **Behold**, he who keeps **Israel** will neither slumber nor
sleep. The **LORD** is your **keeper**; the **LORD** is your **shade** on your
right hand. The **sun shall not strike you by day**, nor the **moon**
by **night**. The **LORD** will keep you from all **evil**; he will keep your
life. The **LORD** will keep your going out and your coming in
from this **time** forth and **forevermore**.

Serving Today

OFFICIATING/PREACHER	The Rev. Dr. David Wendel
COMMISSIONED LAY MINISTER	Molly King
ASSISTING MINISTER	8:15 Jim Caldwell
ORGANIST	11:00 Andrea Bush
SACRISTAN	Linda Hoch
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Fred Pfanz
BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR	Dr. Helen Kang
CANTOR	Maria Laderman
ACOLYTE	Steve Kile
	8:15 Lauren Place
	11:00 Selah French
LECTOR	8:15 Bill Kulju
	11:00 Roger Retherford
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	8:15 Regina Place, Paul Whitacre
CARE TEAM	11:00 Cheryl Bush, Eric Bush
	Joanne Figge, Susan Miller, Janet Breen, Tami Stone, Coleen Wooster, Vanessa Stewart, Cindy Odum, Christine Troutman, Sue Monroe, Margery Zimmermann, Paul Whitacre, Peggy Jones, Marge Cepek, Eloise Collier, Donna Dettmann, Shirley Hodek, Charlotte Schaller, Bill Kulju
USHERS	8:15 Bill Kujju, Aaron Singleton, Jim Caldwell
	11:00 Mike Grubb, Beverly Grubb, Tom Seamon
GREETERS	8:15 Heather Singleton
	11:00 Linda and Joe Reasoner
LITTLE LAMBS	8:15 Ellen Paulus
	11:00 Denise Reynard
NURSERY ATTENDANTS	Kaitlyn F., Donna P.
ALTAR GUILD	Team 1- Linda Seamon, Cheryl Bush, Andrea Bush, Jean Claflin, Dorothy Crain, Denise Reynard, Barb and Tom Moser, Ruth Osborn
SOUND TECHNICIANS	Chris Banks, Eric Bush, Dan George, Paul Grant, Brice Graves

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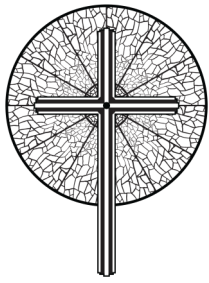
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Vision Statement: We envision Grace to be a welcoming Christ-centered community of faith, inviting all, growing in discipleship, sharing in ministries.

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 1-8, 2026

Amazing God-- Amazing Grace-- Amazing Worship!

March 1	SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT 8:15 am Worship Service 9:40 am Sunday School and Confirmation 9:45 am Adult Learning (Fellowship Hall) 11:00 am Worship Service
MON	1:00 pm Katharine Circle (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 pm Rehearsal YPCO (sanctuary)
TUES	8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
WED.	LENTEN MID-WEEK SERVICES 10:30 am Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 12:15 pm Holy Communion 6:00 pm Grace Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 pm Evening Prayer 7:30 pm Grace Singers Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Rose Garden 2&3) 7:30 pm Scioto Valley B&PC Rehearsal (Sanctuary) Last day to sign-up to attend the March 29 Columbus Blue Jackets game
THURS	9:15 am BSF Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 1:00 pm Art and Environment Meeting (Loaves and Fishes Café) 6:30 pm Dartball Playoff Game 1 6:30pm GLCC Steering Committee Meeting (ZOOM) 7:30 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
FRI.	8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
SAT	9:30 am AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 10:00 am Baptism (Sanctuary) 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
March 8	THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT 8:15 am Worship Service 9:40 am Sunday School and Confirmation 9:45 am Adult Learning (Fellowship Hall) 11:00 am Worship Service

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.

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March 9 (Mon)	Ruth Circle – 1:00 PM
March 9 (Mon)	Grace Sisterhood – 7:00 PM
March 10 (Tue)	Red Cross Blood Drive – Noon–6:00 PM
March 11 (Wed)	Mid-Week Lenten Service – 12:15 PM Holy Communion; 7:00 PM Evening Prayer
March 14 (Sat)	Ice Skating at Chiller Polaris – 1:30–3:30 PM
March 15 (Sun)	MS & HS Lunch Club
March 16 (Mon)	Band of Brothers – 6:30 PM
March 17 (Tue)	Senior (Social) Moment – 10:30 AM
March 18 (Wed)	Mid-Week Lenten Service – 12:15 PM Holy Communion; 7:00 PM Evening Prayer
March 19 (Thurs)	Supper Club @ MiaMar Grill– 6:15 PM
March 21 (Sat)	Men of Grace Bible Study – 8:00 AM
March 21 (Sat)	First Communion Class – 9:00 AM–Noon
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
March 30 (Mon)	Euchre Group-1:00 PM
April 11 (Sat)	Game Day
April 12 (Sun)	Confirmation
April 18 (Sat)	Hustle for Habitat 5K – Hoff Woods Park
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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Service Recording: The recorded 8:15am service will be available at 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.



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.

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!

**HELP
WANTED**

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.

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CHRISTIAN GROWTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



Sunday school classes put together boxes for a **Lenten Offering**. Everyone is encouraged to fill it with loose change and turn it in on Easter. The money goes to Warm's Bac a Pac program for children who have food insecurity. There will be more at the Welcome Center if you would like one. Let me know if you have any questions.– Molly King



Columbus Blue Jackets vs. Boston Bruins: Faith and Family Night
Who: Grace Family and Friends
Where: Nationwide Arena
When: Sunday, March 29, 5pm
Tickets: \$45 per person, lower bowl with a Meal Voucher
Sign up by March 4 or contact Molly King, m.king@grace43081.org.



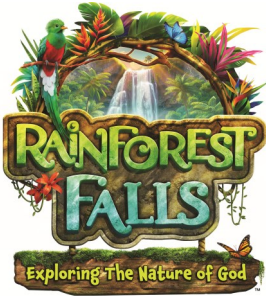
Grace Ringers Bell Choir rehearsal is Wednesday at 6:00pm. Contact Maria Laderman.

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

Joyful Voices Youth Choir rehearsal schedule: contact Helen Kang.



Senior (Social) Moment will be Tuesday, March 17, 10:30 AM at the church! This is an opportunity for all seniors of the congregation (and friends) to meet for fellowship and light refreshments!



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 and Family events for 2026

- March 14, 1:30-3:30pm Chiller Polaris, Ice skating
- March 15, MS & HS Lunch Club
- **March 21, 9:00am-noon-First Communion Class**
- March 29
 - Palm Sunday skit
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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.**

☐ **Pages 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**



Little Lambs

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

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: Band of Brothers will meet Monday, March 16, 6:30 PM:** Our monthly gathering of younger men/working men will take place Monday, March. 16, 6:30 PM at the church, study continues of “Uncommon,” a book by football coach Tony Dungy.
- **Grace Sisterhood’s** next meeting is **March 9 at 7pm**. 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, March. 2 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, March 9th at 1:00 p.m.** We will be discussing Lesson 5, Growing Through Being in the Middle, in our study series on Life’s Challenges. Marge Zimmerman will facilitate the discussion. Verna Kreachbaum will provide light refreshments. 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

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 November through January, 48 generous households chose Grace for the Kroger rewards program and donated a total of \$143.20.



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
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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.

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 (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.

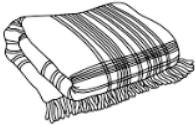


Westerville Habitat Partnership is excited to host our second annual Hustle for Habitat 5K race Saturday, April 18, 2026 at Hoff Woods Park. This 5k run/walk will include 150-200 residents from Westerville and Central Ohio who love Habitat, love running, or just love helping members of their community. 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



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE Our next Red Cross Blood Drive is Tuesday, March 10 from noon-6pm: 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



Spiritual Care Team of the NALC Disaster Response: Grace's Collection Drive, Help Us Bring Comfort and Hope

We are organizing a collection of quilts, blankets, and Bibles to support individuals affected by recent disasters. Your generous donations will provide warmth, comfort, and encouragement to those in need.



What We Need:

- New or gently used quilts and blankets
- New or gently used Bibles (any translation)

Collection Dates: Please bring your donations during our collection drive, which will run throughout February.

Drop-Off Location: Gathering Space

Contact: For questions or to arrange a donation pickup, please call 614-207-1061 or email jcfigge@gmail.com

Together, we can make a difference. Thank you for your support!

HOSPITALITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Grace Dartball team: All games are Thursday evenings beginning at 7:30. The team is looking forward to another fun season. If interested in joining the team, please contact Chris Banks -cbanks5@gmail.com / 614-203-8429. Next Game: March 5- Playoff Round 1

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.



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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
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Outstanding Music Program for Worship and Outreach,
including Grace Chancel Choir, Grace Youth Choir,
Grace Ringers
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Founding Congregation of Habitat for Humanity Partnership
Alcoholics Anonymous meetings

And more...

In the name of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

Won't you join us?

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How did you find us?

- Drove by the church, saw the sign**
- Met a member who invited me**
- Saw ad in the Columbus Dispatch (online or print?)**
- Received a mail invitation**
- Attended an Amazing Grace Concert**
- Attended an event (VBS, Youth, etc.)**
- Visited the Grace Lutheran booth at Farmer's Market**
- Searched online**

Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church!

If you are a visitor, thank you for coming! We are pleased to have you with us! We are a congregation which seeks to “Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness...” Psalm 96:9. Our style, our worship environment and especially our music is intended to heighten our glory and praise, in response to God’s gifts of grace in Word and Sacrament! If you have no church home, we invite you to become a member of Grace and to grow with us in faith!

**We would appreciate a record of your visit!
Completed forms can be placed in the offering or handed to an usher.**

Date _____
Name(s) _____
Address _____
Email _____
Phone _____

_____ I am a member of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church/will commune today.
_____ I Am a Visitor (_____ 1st Time _____ 2nd Time _____ Regular Visitor)
_____ I am a Regular Attendee.

I am a member of _____ Church
City/State _____

_____ I am visiting from out-of-town.
_____ I have recently moved to this area from _____
_____ **YES, I WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF GRACE CHURCH!**
_____ Please include me in e-mail communications. My e-mail address is:

_____ I would like to talk with the pastor.
_____ I would like information about children/youth ministries.

Today in worship, please pray for (Hand this request to usher before the service):

Other information you would like to share: _____

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