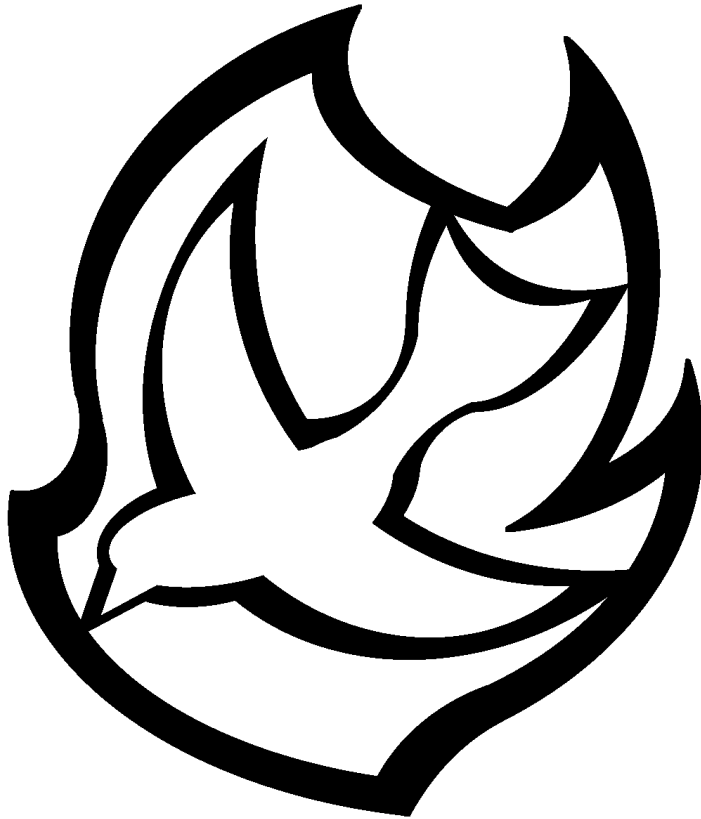


Second Sunday After Pentecost



June 7, 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

"Meditation on *Will You Come and Follow Me*" - arr. Lyle K. Neff

"Lead On, O King Eternal" - arr. John Ferguson

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C **Amen.**

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

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

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

C **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.

join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

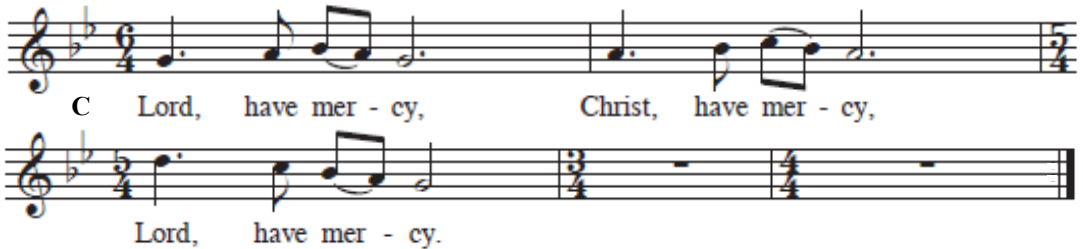
The Liturgy of The Word

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C And also with you.

THE KYRIE



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

HYMN OF PRAISE:

“Glory to God”



8
C Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - migh - ty
God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you
thanks. we praise you for your glo - ry.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace
to his peo - ple on earth.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord God, the source of those who hope in you: because none are righteous, not one, bring forgiveness, healing and hope to sinners, and raise us all to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Hosea 5:15-6:6

¹⁵I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me.

¹“Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. ²After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. ³Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.” ⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away. ⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. ⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119: 65-72

Refrain

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your stat - utes.

Psalm Tone

L ⁶⁵O Lord, you have dealt graciously | with your servant,
according | to your word.

**C ⁶⁶Teach me discern- | ment and knowledge,
for I have believed in | your commandments.**

L ⁶⁷Before I was afflicted I | went astray,
but now I | keep your word.

**C ⁶⁸You are good and you | bring forth good;
instruct me | in your statutes. Refrain**

L ⁶⁹The proud have smeared | me with lies,
but I will keep your commandments with | my whole heart.

**C ⁷⁰Their heart is | gross and fat,
but my delight is | in your law.**

L ⁷¹It is good for me that I have | been afflicted,
that I might | learn your statutes.

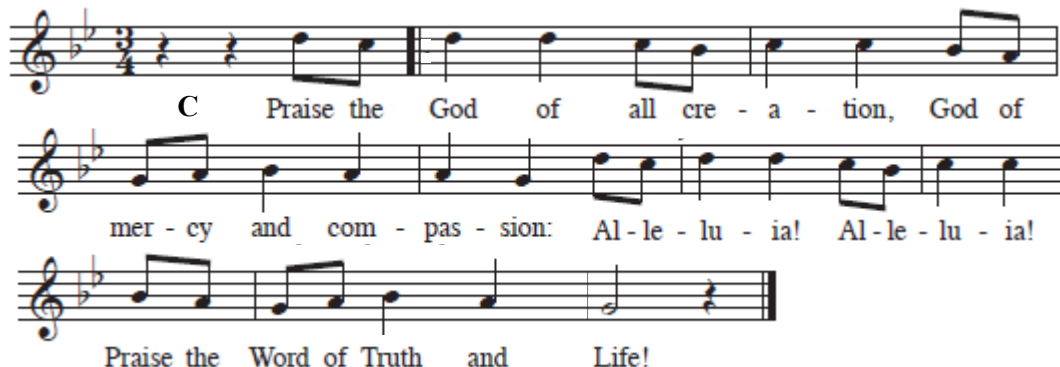
**C ⁷²The law of your mouth is dear- | er to me
than thousands in | gold and silver. Refrain**

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

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. ¹⁸In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” ²³But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

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

ALLELUIA VERSE (*John 6:68*)



C Praise the God of all cre - a - tion, God of
mer - cy and com - pas - sion: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise the Word of Truth and Life!

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 9th chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁹As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him. ¹⁰And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹²But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

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

Please be seated.

LITTLE LAMBS

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

SERMON: “I Need Some Good News!”

The Rev. David Wendel

After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Will You Come and Follow Me"



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

APOSTLES' CREED

A We confess our Christian faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.
C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

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

After each petition:

A Lord, in your mercy;

C **Hear our prayer.**

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

C **Amen.**

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

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

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

Carleigh Benson - Flute, Linda Hoch - Organ

"A Communion Prelude for Flute and Organ" - *arr. Charles Callahan*

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

high - est! Bless-ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord; Ho - san - na in the high - est,
ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

THE WORD OF INSTITUTION:

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

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

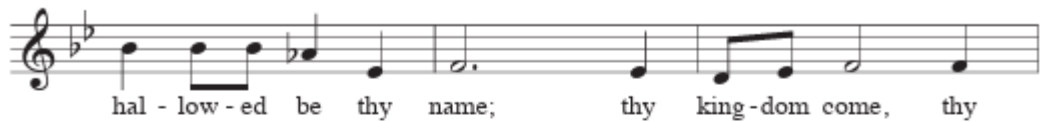
P Father, calling to mind the death your Son endured for our salvation, His glorious resurrection and ascension and His promise to come again, we ask you to mercifully accept this, our response of praise and thanksgiving. Grant that we who are nourished by His body and blood may be filled with the Holy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

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

AMEN



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



ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the king - dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry are yours

now and for - ev - er - more. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD/THE FRACTION

A time of silence...

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

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

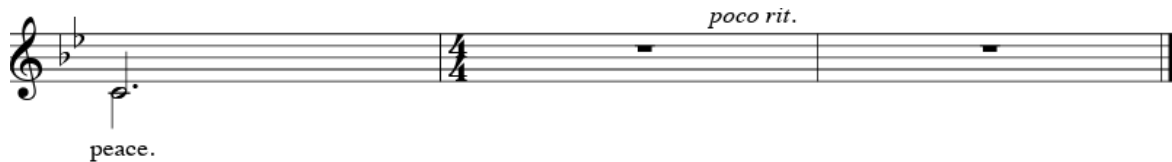
LAMB OF GOD (*John 1: 29*)

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

world, have mer - cy on us.

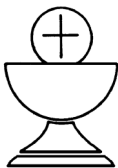
Je - sus, Lamb of God; you take a - way the

sin of the world, grant us your



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

"Here I Am, Lord"



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,	I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,	I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,	I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin	my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them.	They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them.	My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Linda Hoch-Organ

"Take This Bread, Take This Cup" - *arr. Lani Smith*

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, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN "Lead On, O King Eternal"

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence - forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
 for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
 for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,
 Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
 the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

THE RITE OF SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

Linda Hoch

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" - *arr. Diane Bish*

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...

Paul and Karen Grant in memory of Karen's mother Mae Dray.

Lori and Amy in memory of the wedding of John and Chris Troutman on June 6, 1964.

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 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.

Holy Trinity Sunday, May 31: 8:15: 76; 11:00: 108; total: 184

MUSIC NOTES

“Meditation on Will You Come and Follow Me” – arr. Lyle K. Neff

This hymn was written by John Bell (b.1949), a Scottish Presbyterian pastor, whose principal engagements have been in youth work and liturgy, both under the auspices of the Iona Community of which he is a member. He states that this text was written

for the sending out of one of our youth volunteers. This was a scheme sponsored by the Iona Community whereby young people gave a year or two to live in impoverished parts of Scotland, on the dole, and work out their discipleship in hard places. When they finished, my colleague and I would often write a song for their farewell ceremony always held in the house where they had been working. The words of this song therefore reflect the experience of the volunteer concerned.

“Lead On, O King Eternal” – arr. John Ferguson

For his graduation from Andover Theological Seminary in 1887, Ernest W. Shurtleff (1862-1917) was asked by his classmates to write an appropriate hymn. The hymn met with instant success and was published the same year in his *Hymns of the Faith* (1887).

“A Communion Prelude for Flute and Organ” – arr. Charles Callahan

This arrangement for flute and organ combines two hymns often sung during Communion:

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence: This ancient prayer at the opening of the Eucharist is one of the oldest liturgies of the Christian Church, traditionally ascribed to St. James, the brother of Jesus. Its first written form exists in the mid fourth century in both Greek and Syriac and is still sung in Jerusalem on the Sunday after Christmas.

Where Charity and Love Prevail: This is a hymn about the love which Christ showed for us, and the love which we are expected to show to each other. In the pre-Vatican II rite it is the last and indispensable song to be sung during the washing of feet in the Maundy Thursday communion service.

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” – arr. Diane Bish

The text for this hymn, based on Psalms 103 and 150, is one of about 60 hymns written by Joachim Neander (1650-1680) during his short life. Neander is widely regarded as the best poet of the Reformed Church in Germany, and this is his best-known hymn, published in his *Glaub- und Liebesübung* (1680). The present translation by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) appeared in her *Chorale Book for England* (1863). The tune LOBE DEN HERREN (“Praise the Lord”) is an adaptation of a melody which appeared in *Stralsund Gesangbuch* (1665) and is thought to be an old secular air. Neander chose it for his words in their first printing.

Pray for Our VBS

Jesus, we pray that through VBS, kids in our community will grow in their relationship with you. We ask that you begin to break down any walls that might be preventing their young hearts from receiving your love. We ask that the truth of who you are sink deep into their hearts. Let them leave knowing who you are and the overwhelming, joyful love you have for each and every one of them. May the impact of VBS last a lifetime.



Teach Me, O Lord

Find the 21 **bold** words from Psalm 119:65-72 (ESV)

L L D I H M B S T A T U T E S
I T E C Q Q E S T P E C E R P
E I A A F F L I C T E D J R R
S E N M R G I H B Y M Y A D F
T V R S T N E M D N A M M O C
U H B T O R V P U S D R H S N
Y I G I K L E V Q D U E T R Y
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You have dealt well with your **servant**, O LORD, according to your **word**. **Teach** me good **judgment** and **knowledge**, for I **believe** in your **commandments**. Before I was afflicted I went **astray**, but now I keep your word. You are **good** and do good; teach me your **statutes**. The **insolent** smear me with **lies**, but with my whole **heart** I keep your **precepts**; their heart is unfeeling like fat, but I **delight** in your **law**. It is good for me that I was **afflicted**, that I might **learn** your statutes. The law of your **mouth** is better to me than thousands of **gold** and **silver** pieces.

Serving Today

PREACHER/ OFFICIATING	The Rev. Dr. David Wendel
COMMISSIONED LAY MINISTER	Molly King
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CANTOR	Chris Troutman
ACOLYTE	8:15 Miguel Arreguin 11:00 Selah French
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USHERS	8:15 Bob Andrews, Steve Young, Randy Stoll 11:00 Eric Bush, Gregg Rearick, Jim Monroe
NURSERY ATTENDANTS	Kaitlyn F., Donna P.
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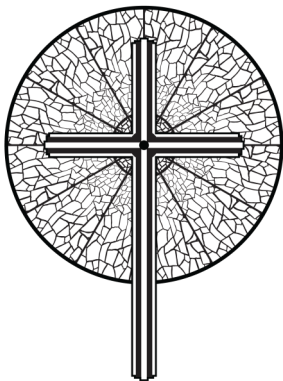
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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church has been serving the Westerville community for more than 115 years, supporting local ministries such as the Westerville Area Resource Ministry, Westerville Partnership Habitat for Humanity, and Westerville CROP Walk. 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: June 7-14, 2026

Amazing God-- Amazing Grace-- Amazing Worship!

June 7

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/ GRADUATION SUNDAY/

FIRST FRUITS/CARE TEAM

8:15 am Worship Service

11:00 am Worship Service

OWL Lunch/Reveal/Craft after the 11am service

MON 1:00 pm Ruth Circle @ North High, 240 S. State St., Westerville
6:30 pm Monday Night Bible Study on Romans (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 pm Grace Sisterhood @ The Hoover

TUES 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WED. 10:30 am Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
6:15 pm Grace Ringers (Sanctuary)
7:30 pm Scioto Valley B&PC Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURS 6:30 pm Band of Brothers
7:30 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

FRI. 11:00 am Private Inurnment (Columbarium)
4:30 pm Hager/Keller Wedding Rehearsal
8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SAT 9:30 am AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
2:30 pm Hager/Keller Wedding
8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

June 14 **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

8:15 am Worship Service

11:00 am Worship Service

12:30pm VBS Build/Craft Day #2

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

Altar Guild Leaders & new members needed! Setting the Lord's table facilitating communion for our

**HELP
WANTED**

Grace family weekly is a quiet but vital ministry. It is faithfully provided by around 30 members divided into 3 teams that rotate the responsibilities monthly. Since July 2020, I have had the privilege of leading these dedicated members through the needed changes for Covid and multiple interim Pastors, into a respectful, safe, and well established ministry with Pastor Wendel. My plan is to step down no later than September 1, 2026. My

plan would be to use the time til September to establish new leadership and orient new members to this ministry. Ideally, the leadership would be shared by more than one person, but can also be done solo as I have for these years. Please prayerfully consider your commitment to this vital ministry of Grace and please contact me or Pastor Wendel with your interest or questions! Vanessa Stewart 614-588-2712.



Grace Member Graduates

- **Madison Banks** graduates May 16/17 with honors from Miami University. She will receive a degree in Marketing with a minor in Business Analytics. While at Miami, Madison was a 4 year member and 2 year captain of the Miami Shakerettes dance team, performing at football and basketball games. Before entering the business world, Madison plans to spend from August to February as a dancer/character performer at Walt Disney World as part of the Disney College program. This has been a dream of hers since she was very young! Madison is the daughter of Chris and Tami Banks.
- **Landon Blankenship** is graduating from Olentangy Orange High School. He will be continuing his education and baseball career at Bluffton University. He is majoring in business. Landon is the son of Jennifer Blankenship, and grandson of Kenny and Cindy.
- **Nami Clark** is graduating from Westerville Central High School and is planning to attend Columbus State starting this fall where she wants to study Marine Biology. Nami double lettered in Choir and Theatre. She is the daughter of Jeremy and Miki Clark.
- **Addie Gurgiolo** is part of the Westerville South High School graduating class of 2026. She has been very active in choir and theatre throughout all four years of high school, being chosen as Troupe President this year. She earned four varsity letters - Academics, Choir, Theatre, and Athletics (soccer). She achieved Academic Varsity Top 10, is an AP Scholar with Distinction, a member of National Honor Society and Hope Squad. Addie will be attending Denison University in the fall pursuing a double major - one in Music/Vocal Performance and one in Communications, along with a minor in Music Theatre. Addie is the daughter of Tom and Nancy Gurgiolo.
- **Jack Nickoli** is graduating from Westerville South High school and will be attending Ohio University in the fall. He wants to become an Athletic Trainer. He will also be enlisting in the Army ROTC program at OU. Jack is the son of Brandon and Bethany Nickoli.
- **Katie Singleton** graduated this May from the University of Findlay with a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. She was a 4-year member of the UF Cheer Team and is a member of the Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society for Educators. Katie will be finishing her student teaching this fall and then will pursue an elementary teaching job in Central Ohio. Katie is the daughter of Aaron and Heather Singleton.



Grand Graduates

- **Evan J. Andrews** is graduating from Westerville Central High School. He is a member of the National Honor Society and a 4-year member of the varsity tennis team. Evan will continue his education at The Ohio State University College of Engineering, studying Chemical Engineering. Evan is the grandson of Robert and Linda Andrews.
- **Molly Elizabeth Cepek** is a recent graduate of Muskingum University majoring in sports management, marketing and economics. She was also active with the golf and archery teams. She will continue her studies at Ohio University pursuing a dual masters' program in both business and sports administration. Molly is the daughter of David and Tanya Cepek of Gahanna and granddaughter of Marge Cepek.
- **Addison Nicole Cepek** will soon graduate from Ostego High School in Grand Rapids, OH. She has played lots of volleyball and now has a part-time job at a local ice cream shop. Addison plans to attend the University of Toledo in the fall and has not yet decided on her course of study. She is the daughter of Greg and Tana Cepek and the granddaughter of Marge Cepek
- **Elizabeth Anne "Ellie" Cogan**. May 17 from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX, from the Meadows School, Magna Cum Laude, Journalism. She will return to NYC. Ellie is the granddaughter of Joanne Figge.
- **Lucinda Kathleen "Lucy" Cogan**, June 9, from Hewitt School in NYC. She will attend Chapman University in Orange, CA. Lucinda is the granddaughter of Joanne Figge.

YOUTH & FAMILY SUNDAY MORNINGS & WORSHIP RESOURCES

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



NURSERY CARE (INFANTS – AGE 6)

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



BUSY BAGS

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



CHILDREN'S BULLETINS

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



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

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



SUNDAY SCHOOL (PRESCHOOL – HIGH SCHOOL)

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



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

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

BIBLE STUDIES & FAITH FORMATION

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

- **SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS/SUNDAY CLASS-** The Adult SS class began a recess in May. They will reconvene sometime in August. The new study has yet to be determined. Please consider joining the adult Sunday School for a study facilitated by Bill Kulju in the fellowship hall at 9:45.
- **Band of Brothers for Younger Men/Working Men-Tuesday, June 11, 6:30 PM-** Our group for younger men/working men will begin a new study on “Systematic Theology,” which has 52 thought-provoking studies to help Christians understand more deeply, core beliefs and teachings of Holy Scripture. The study is discussion oriented and leans toward “apologetics,” helping us to know how to explain and defend Christian doctrine, as the Word of God encourages us to always be ready to explain the hope we have in Christ, but gently and respectfully,” 1 Peter 3:15.
- **Grace Sisterhood’s** next meeting is **June 8 at 7pm at The Hoover Bar and Kitchen.** We will continue meeting the 2nd Monday of each month (so mark your new 2026 calendars so you can join in the fellowship). We are studying, “Women and Identity” by Adele Ahlberg Calhoun & Tracey D Bianchi. All younger/working women of the congregation (and friends!) are invited and welcome! Contact: Melissa Hodek
- **Katharine Circle will resume in the fall.** Come and join us for study and fellowship! Call Dorothy Crain, 614-264-5304, with questions.
- **Men of Grace Bible Study:** All men of Grace Lutheran Church (and friends!) —next meeting **Saturday, June 20, 8 AM** in the Loaves and Fishes Cafe. We continue the study of the Gospel of Luke! Pastor Wendel facilitates the study. Join us for breakfast, study and fellowship.
- **Monday Night Bible Study of Romans continues Mondays, 6:30 PM!** As a young monk, Martin Luther struggled with his own sinfulness, leading to his search for a truly gracious, forgiving God. As Luther’s confessor and Father Superior at the Augustinian monastery in Erfurt, Johann von Staupitz believed Luther’s inner angst would be relieved by his study of Holy Scripture. Staupitz sent young Father Martin to study at the University of Wittenberg, Germany. In his studies, Luther continually questioned the phrase, “the righteousness of God,” Romans 1:17. Habakkuk 2:4, that “The just shall live by faith,” opened Luther’s eyes to a new, more complete understanding of Romans 1:17, resulting in his conviction that the Bible proclaims that we are saved by faith in Jesus Christ alone! Finally, Luther came to cherish Paul’s Epistle to the Romans as above all other New Testament books, as it proclaimed the “purest Gospel.” Luther recommended that Romans should be known by heart and studied daily!
As Monday evening Bible Study continues, Pastor Wendel is leading a study of Paul’s Letter to the Romans, Mondays, 6:30 PM. If you have hoped for a fuller grasp of Luther and the Lutheran understanding of “justification by grace through faith,” you are welcome!
- **Ruth Circle** will meet at North High Brewery on **Monday, June 8 at 1:00 p.m.** All are welcome.
- **Wednesday, Women's Bible study will begin a new study on June 3, at 10:30 am.** The study we are doing is "The Faithful, Heroes of the Old Testament" By Priscilla Shirer, Kelly Minter, Beth Moore, Jennifer Rothschild and Lisa Harper. It's a five-session Bible study with videos. Each author has a different week. This study will strengthen your faith as you walk alongside Gideon, Nehemiah, Esther, Hosea, and Malachi as they chose to obey God, no matter their circumstances. The workbooks are \$12 and we have class this Wednesday. If you are interested see Molly King or email at m.king@grace43081.org

Date	Upcoming Events
Mondays 6:30 PM	Monday Night Bible Study of Romans
Wednesdays 10:30AM	Women's Wednesday Bible Study
June 18, 6:15pm	Supper Club
June 20	9am-noon: Westerville Farmers Market: Grace Outreach Tent
July 12-16	VBS: Rainforest Falls, Exploring the Nature of God
July 18	9am-noon: Westerville Farmers Market: Grace Outreach Tent
July 21	Noon-6pm: Blood Drive
August 29	9am-noon: Westerville Farmers Market: Grace Outreach Tent

Little Lambs Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed!



Little Lambs Children's Ministry welcomes children ages 3 through 3rd grade for a fun, age-appropriate Bible lesson during the 8:15 AM and 11:00 AM worship services. Children are invited to leave after the Gospel reading and return during the offering in time for Holy Communion. We are currently looking for caring, committed volunteers to serve during the 11:00 AM service. If you enjoy working with children and sharing God's love in a meaningful, joyful way, we'd love for you to be part of this special ministry!

"Help Wanted: Altar Guild Leader(s) Needed!"-Are you someone who loves the Lord, cherishes



the Lord's Supper and the blessing of worship? Our long-time and much appreciated Altar Guild leader, Vanessa Stewart, would like to step down. We are looking for a person, persons or perhaps two couples who would like to be leader or co-leaders of our Altar Guild! Everything we do at Grace Lutheran Church revolves around God's grace, offered to us freely in Word and Sacrament. Our Altar Guild lovingly, prayerfully and respectfully prepares our church and sanctuary for worship so that the faithful can gather to receive God's gifts of grace.

Perhaps current Altar Guild members would consider serving as leader or there may be others in the congregation who are looking for a way to become more involved! If you are interested or have questions, please see Vanessa or Pastor Wendel. We are hoping to have a new Altar Guild leader or leaders trained and in place by September! Thanks for prayerfully considering whether God might be calling you to serve in this way!

Summer Worship with a new Musical Setting! As has been the case in the past, during the summer,



we will be using a musical setting which is contemporary, in the sense that it was not composed in the 1500's, or even the 1800's, and is a bit more lyrical and singable—maybe even with a catchy tune you will be humming during the week! The “Mass of Creation” is especially appropriate during the summer months. Of course, the text will be the traditional wording of the historic liturgy but set to a new musical setting. It is composed by Marty Haugen, who also composed the Holden Evening Prayer which so many love, as well as the “Now the Feast and Celebration” liturgy we used last summer! While it may take a couple of Sundays to familiarize ourselves with the new

music, it is easily learned and sung!

Muhlenberg Lutheran Church Order of 1748 to be used for Sunday, July 5th! As our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, we will join in the observance by using the Lutheran Church Order of 1748 which would have been used by most Lutherans in America at the time of the Revolution. While originally prepared in German by Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, the Father of Lutheranism in America, the service was influenced by the liturgy of the German



Lutheran St. Mary's congregation in the Savoy district of London, England, together with translations and adaptations from the Liturgy of the Lutheran churches in Holland of 1567, and experiences from his experience in Halle, Germany. The Muhlenberg Liturgy was formally adopted at the formation of the Pennsylvania Ministerium on August 15, 1748, by pastors and delegates from nine congregations in the Pennsylvania colony, after the dedication of St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Philadelphia on Sunday, August 14 th . The organization of the Pennsylvania Ministerium Synod was organized by six pastors, twenty-four lay delegates, and another group of laymen from Philadelphia, including one Swedish layman. The pastors were the only voting members, with laymen serving as "consultants." The Muhlenberg Lutheran Church Order (Liturgy) was the only one authorized for use by Lutherans in the colonies for almost forty years, when some revisions began to take place. It is notable that there were no printed copies of the liturgy, but each pastor made his own handwritten copy. It is also interesting that a service of the Word and prayer was led in most congregations by a layman, with the Lord's Supper only being celebrated when a circuit riding pastor was present, sometimes only four or six times a year, given the shortage of pastors. When a communion service was announced by the pastor, members of the congregation were expected to announce to the pastor their intention to commune, and were required to attend and participate in a confessional service on the Saturday before the Sunday of the communion service. Those who did not announce or participate in the Saturday confessional service were barred from communion by the pastor!

We hope this interesting experience in worship will be a meaningful addition to our national commemoration of our 250th anniversary!



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

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



The Art and Environment Team will not meet during June and July. They will continue to assure that the plants, flowers and banners are displayed appropriate to the season.

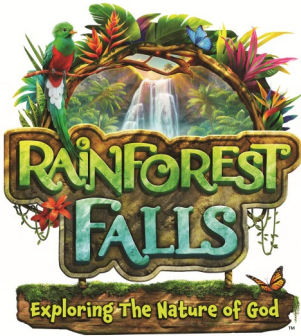
If you would like to know more about this ministry, check out the August Voice or contact Karen Grant or Sue Mahrt. There is a place for you!

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

- June 7, OWL Reveal Party (after the 11am service) and Graduate Sunday
- June 14, VBS Craft/Build Day #2
- June 27, Family Movie Night
- July 12-16, Vacation Bible School program Rainforest Falls, Exploring the Nature of God
- July 26, Lunch Club
- August 8, Day at the park
- August 14 Clippers Game
- September 12, Columbus Crew soccer game
- September 13, Rally Day



COLLECTING ITEMS FOR VBS: We also need lime green tablecloths. There is a bin in the gathering space for donations. If you have any questions let Molly King know.

ANSWER THE CALL TO ADVENTURE—VOLUNTEER FOR VBS! Get ready for an unforgettable adventure at **Rainforest Falls VBS 2026**, happening July 12–16! VBS kicks off Sunday, July 12 with registration beginning at 5:00 PM, and VBS activities running nightly from 5:30–8:00 PM.

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help share God's love with our children through this exciting week of Bible stories, music, games, experiments, and fun! Opportunities are available for adults, youth, and families to serve together. Volunteer needs include: Bible Adventures Leaders; Imagination Station Leaders; Sticky Scriptures Leaders; Registration Helpers; Games Leaders; Elementary Crew Leaders; Preschool Crew Leaders; and Assistant Leaders (rising 6th graders through adults). Whether you love teaching, organizing, encouraging kids, or simply lending a helping hand, there is a place for you at VBS! Please prayerfully consider volunteering and helping make Rainforest Falls VBS a life-changing experience for our children and community.

To volunteer or learn more, sign up at the Welcome Desk or contact Molly King.

Help Bring Rainforest Falls VBS to Life!



Join us for our VBS Build & Craft Day on Sunday, June 14 following the 11:00 AM service! We'll be creating decorations, preparing crafts, and transforming our space into an exciting rainforest adventure for VBS 2026.

No special crafting skills are needed—there's a job for everyone! Come for fellowship, fun, creativity, and teamwork as we prepare for an amazing week of sharing God's love with children in our church and community. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers. Whether you can stay for an hour or the afternoon, your help makes a difference!

Questions? Contact the church office or sign up at the Welcome Desk.

Or click the registration link below and signup:

- June 14: <https://grace-evangelical-luther.subspla.sh/bzpy7y7>



Grace Ringers Bell Choir: Contact Maria Laderman.

Grace Singers Chancel Choir: contact Helen Kang.

Joyful Voices Youth Choir rehearsal schedule: contact Helen Kang.

HOSPITALITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Our next Red Cross Blood Drive is Tuesday, July 21 from noon-6pm in the Gathering Space. Appointments appreciated and walk-ins after 1pm are accepted! You can schedule an appointment by contacting the



Red Cross at RedCrossBlood.org and use our sponsor code: GraceLuthWesterville or call 1-800-Red Cross. Questions? Vanessa Stewart



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

Grace Supper Club dined at the High Bank Distillery in Gahanna on May 21 and had an enjoyable evening filled with good food, laughter and fellowship. This month we have a reservation at Hofbrauhaus on Thursday, June 18 for 6:15 p.m. Hofbrauhaus is located at 800 Goodale Boulevard, Columbus 43212. In order for us to have an accurate headcount, we ask that you please sign up in advance and include the total number in your party. If you sign up and are unable to attend, please text or call Bev Grubb or Tami Stone. A sign up sheet is available at the Welcome Center Desk. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND! Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Any questions, please see either Bev Grubb or Tami Stone.



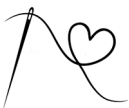
Senior "Social" Moment, Monday, June 15th, 2 PM

All seniors (and senior friends) of our congregation are invited to an informal time of fellowship on June 15th at 2 pm at the church.

OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grace Stitches Send Little Dresses for Africa! - From Vanessa Stewart

Grace Stitches News: May 24th at both services the congregation joined the Grace Stitches in the Blessing of 51 dresses, 62 personal pads, and 60 pairs of underwear for Little Dresses for Africa! After the service they were boxed up for special delivery May 25th to Little Dresses headquarters in Michigan by Grace Stitches Shirley Hodek. Included with the shipment was a check for \$125 to help with shipment cost to Africa.



Each stitch is a reminder that God's love reaches across the world — bringing dignity, hope, and joy to children and families in need. We are so thankful for the dedication, creativity, and servant hearts of this wonderful group!

FIRST FRUITS SUNDAYS Let all that you do be done in love". (1 Corinthians 16:14) May Most Needed list: Paper Towel; Toilet Paper; Canned Tomatoes; Pasta Sauce; Canned Fruit; Hamburger Helpers; Condiments: Dressings, Sauces; Salt, Pepper, Seasonings; Broths: Poultry, Beef, Vegetable; and Cereal. 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.

RECEIPTS FOR WARM

Blessings to all who are making WARM a part of your regular tithes and offerings.

Here are donations received since last reported (March Voice)

from Debbie Yoho, Financial Manager

WARM receipts since last reported total **\$2,540.11**, for a 2026 year-to-date total of **\$5,336.61**.

Below is what Grace members have contributed to these charities since last report:

Faith Mission -\$50 for a 2026 total of \$345
Habitat for Humanity\$400 for a 2026 total of \$2,220
Lutheran World Relief -\$190 for a 2026 total of \$240
NALC Disaster Response -\$525 for a 2026 of \$1,525

Note: Debbie forwarded \$75 to Lutheran Social Services for Faith Mission while a benefactor was tripling donations. So they received \$225 for our \$75.

Thanks to all of our congregation members that have proven again and again that Grace is a loving and giving community of believers.

Social Concerns Notes

from Joanne Figge

Grace Ambassadors will be manning our tent at the Westerville Farmers Markets on June 20, July 18, and August 28. Crafts associated with our VBS theme will be available for children on June 20;.

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

Happy 3rd Anniversary Intercessory Prayer Team

From Donna Dettmann

It has been three years since the start of the Intercessory Prayer Team here at Grace Church. The first meeting was June 14, 2023, and was the only time we came together for an in-person meeting. The team is now 19 members strong.

A list of prayers is emailed or postal mailed to the members to pray for 2 weeks. The prayers include new prayers and reminders of prayers for the second week, prayers for individuals from

the Sunday's bulletin, continuing prayers for our Clergy and upcoming events at Grace.

In January of 2025, some IPT members wanted to pray the Grace Church Directory. They each have a different page to pray over for one month. God knows their individual needs. As intercessors, we are called to "ask" and God can do the rest.

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

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

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

Ways to ask for prayer - your name is optional:

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

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



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

Childhood Nutrition Summer Volunteer Opportunity ***Community Volunteer - Childhood Nutrition Meal Kit Distribution***

We are excited to share a new volunteer opportunity this summer! Starting June 1st through August 3rd, WARM will be partnering within the Westerville Estates community to distribute meal kits to kids during the summer months. The bags will be similar to our Share Bac-a-Pac bags. Distribution will take place every Monday from 10:50am - 12:00pm at 11050 Fancher Rd. Each week, we will need 3 volunteers to assist with distribution, and volunteers will meet directly at the distribution site, where the bags will be delivered prior to the start time.

If you have been looking for an opportunity to represent WARM out in the community, this could be a perfect fit for you.

Volunteer sign-ups will be posted through Civic Champs.

If you are interested or have any questions, please feel free to reach out to WARM or ask Joanne Figge.

2026-2027 School Year Volunteer Planning

CHILDHOOD NUTRITION SHARE BAC-A-PAC DRIVERS NEEDED!



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

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

The Diabetes Dash 5K Run/Walk,

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

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

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

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

SAVE THE DATES!

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- **JUNE 6, 11:00 AM: Westerville Community Band Festival**
- **JUNE 28, 6:30 PM: Westerville Sounds of Summer Concert Series**
- **JULY 19, 4:00 PM: Amazing Grace Concert Series, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church**
- **JULY 26, 6:30 PM: Westerville Sounds of Summer Concert Series with Westerville Concert Band**

YES

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Registration NOW Open

Sunday, July 12- Thursday, July 16

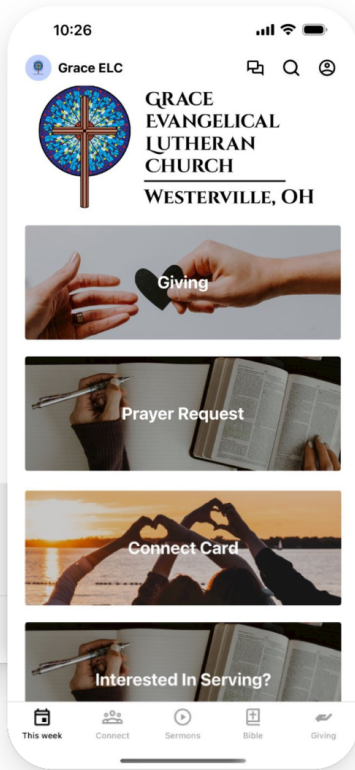
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Traditional, Faithful, Biblical Worship
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Founding Congregation of Habitat for Humanity Partnership
Alcoholics Anonymous meetings**

And more...

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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 _____

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_____ 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