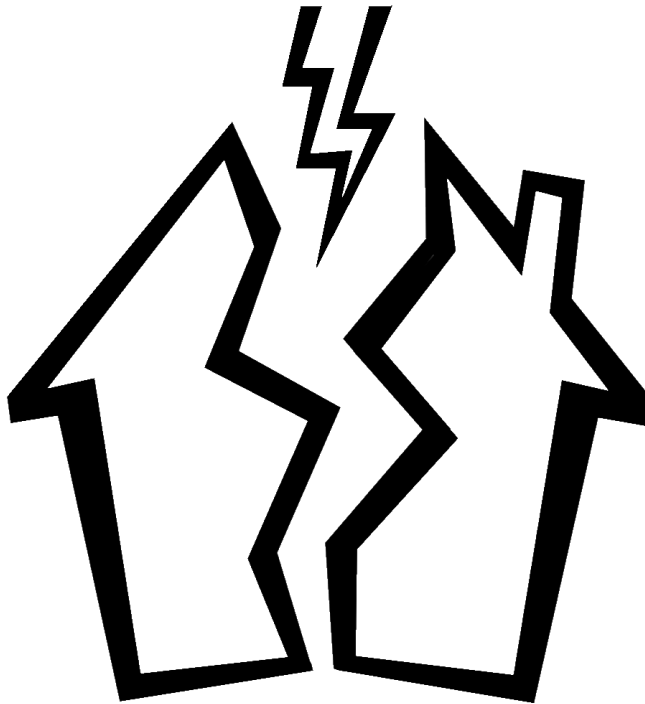


Fifth Sunday After Pentecost



June 28, 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

"When Morning Gilds the Skies" - *arr. Peter Pindar Stearns*

"Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake" - *arr. Jeffrey Blersch*

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

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known
 4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:
 5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,

may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
 than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
 sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

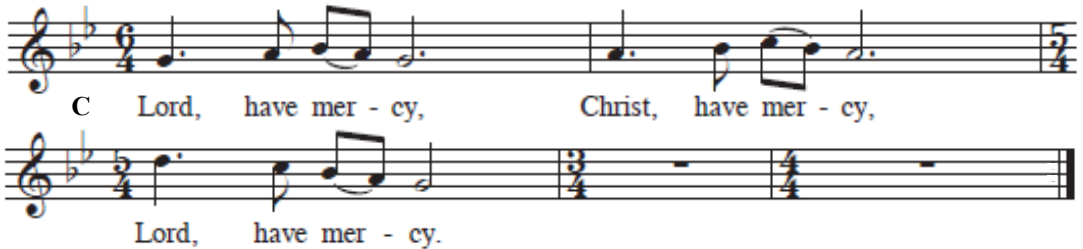
The Liturgy of The Word

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.

O Lord God, your Son came not to bring peace, but a sword, calling those who follow Him to lose their lives for His sake, to receive abundant life and eternal life. Give us grace and strength to take up our cross, regardless the cost, to reach the lost and those who do not yet know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:153-160

Refrain

I de - sire the path of your com - mand - ments.

Psalm Tone

L ¹⁵³Behold my affliction and de-¹ liver me,
for I do not for-¹ get your law.

C ¹⁵⁴**Plead my cause¹ and redeem me;
according to your promise,¹ give me life.**

L ¹⁵⁵Deliverance is far¹ from the wicked,
for they do not stud-¹ y your statutes.

C ¹⁵⁶**Great is your compas-¹ sion, O LORD;
preserve my life, according¹ to your judgments. Refrain**

L ¹⁵⁷There are many who persecute¹ and oppress me,
yet I have not swerved from¹ your decrees.

C ¹⁵⁸**I look with loathing¹ at the faithless,
for they have not¹ kept your word.**

L ¹⁵⁹See how I love¹ your commandments!
O LORD, in your mer-¹ cy, preserve me.

C ¹⁶⁰**The heart of your¹ word is truth;
all your righteous judgments endure for-¹ evermore. Refrain**

SECOND READING: Romans 7:1-13

¹Do you not know, brothers — for I am speaking to those who know the law — that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? ²For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage.

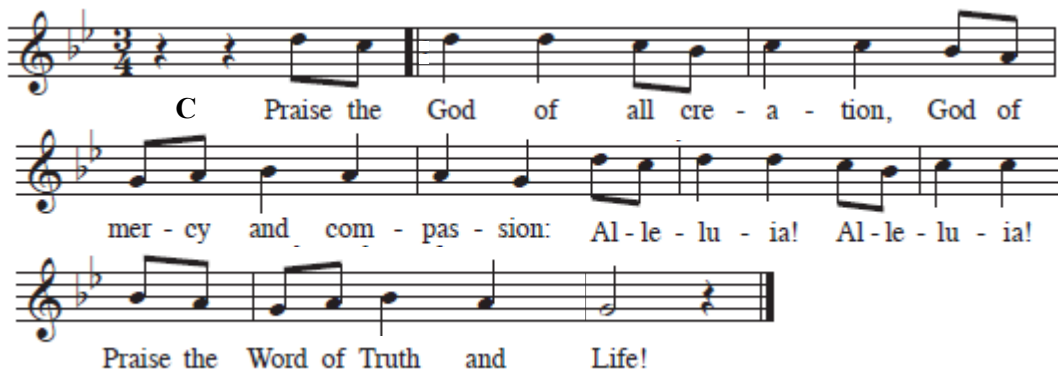
³Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress. ⁴Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code. ⁷What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” ⁸But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. ⁹I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died.

¹⁰The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. ¹¹For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. ¹²So the law is

holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. ¹³Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

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 10:34-42

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

³⁴{Jesus said to the disciples,} “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ⁴⁰Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. ⁴²And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

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: “Troubled Families”

The Rev. David Wendel

After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake"



1 "Come, fol - low me," the Sav - ior spake, "all in my way a -
2 "I am the light; I light the way, a god - ly life dis -
3 My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness; my soul with love is
4 "I teach you how to shun and flee what harms your soul's sal -
5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, and take the cross ap -



bid - ing; de - ny your - selves, the world for - sake, o -
play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day; I
glow - ing; and gra - cious words my lips ex - press, with
va - tion; your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free, from
point - ed, and, firm - ly cling - ing to his word, in



bey my call and guid - ing. Oh, bear the cross, what -
keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, my mind, my
sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge
suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide; take my ex - am - ple for your guide."
well I show how you should so - journ here be - low."
strength, my all to God I yield; on him I call.
of the soul and lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."
bat - tle's strain the crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

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

THE PEACE

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

C **And also with you.**

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

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE MEAL

MUSICAL OFFERING

Joseph Worrell - Saxophone, Linda Hoch - Piano

"Movement II from Sonata for E-flat Alto Saxophone" - Paul Creston

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

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

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

4 *Assembly*



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

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



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

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



Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and for -
 give us our tres - pass - es, as we for - give those who
 tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to temp -
 ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.
 For the king - dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry are yours
 now and for - ev - er - more. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD/THE FRACTION

A time of silence...

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

LAMB OF GOD (John 1: 29)

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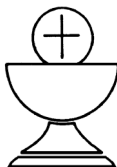
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C Je - sus, Lamb of God; Je - sus, Bread of Life; Je - sus, Prince of Peace; you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, Lamb of God; you take a - way the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

poco rit.

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

Linda Hoch-Organ

"Just as I Am, without One Plea" - *arr. Robert J. Powell*

"Sarabande" - *Gordon Young*

"Reflections" - *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.

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

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



RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, as sol - diers of the cross,
 2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; the trum - pet call o - bey;
 3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, stand in his strength a - lone;
 4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the strife will not be long;



lift high his roy - al ban - ner; it must not suf - fer loss.
 stand forth in might - y con - flict in this his glo - rious day.
 the arm of flesh will fail you, you dare not trust your own.
 this day the din of bat - tle, the next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry his ar - my he shall lead,
 Let all his faith - ful serve him a - gainst un - num - bered foes;
 Put on the gos - pel ar - mor; each piece put on with prayer.
 The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, their crown of life shall see,



till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished and Christ is Lord in - deed.
 let cour - age rise with dan - ger, and strength to strength op - pose.
 Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there.
 and with the King of glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.



THE RITE OF SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

Linda Hoch

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" - arr. James Mansfield

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...

Tami and Tom Stone in celebration of our anniversary on June 26th.

Merl and Jan Breen in celebration of our anniversary.

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



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

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

WELCOME, GUESTS! We welcome you as our guest in our church home and invite you to continue to worship with us. We invite guests to take a welcome bag at the Welcome Desk to learn more about Grace and fill out a Welcome Form and place it in the offering or hand it to an usher to let us know you were worshipping with us today.

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:

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

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

Third Sunday After Pentecost, June 14: 8:15: 70; 11:00: 93; total: 163

MUSIC NOTES

“When Morning Gilds the Skies” – arr. Peter Pindar Stearns

The anonymous German hymn “Beim frühen Morgenlicht” was found in the Würzburg *Katholisches Gesangbuch* (1828). It later appeared in other forms leading to the conclusion that this was not the original source. Edward Caswall translated the hymn into English, and in 1854 it was published in six stanzas in Formby’s *Catholic Hymns*. Other verses were added in 1858, and various centos have been made for hymnal use. The tune LAUDES DOMINI (Latin for “Praises of the Lord”) was written by Joseph Barnby for this text and was published in the Appendix to *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (1868).

“Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake” – arr. Jeffrey Blersch

Though he broke with them, this hymn by Johann Scheffler (1624-1677) has been more commonly used among Lutherans than the Roman Catholics whom he joined. The text is based on Matthew 16:24, “Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.’”

“Movement II from Sonata for E-flat Alto Saxophone” – Paul Creston

Paul Creston (1906-1985) was an American composer of classical music. Born “Giuseppe Guttovveggi” in New York City to Sicilian immigrants, Creston was self-taught as a composer. He composed six symphonies and several concert works for violin, piano, accordion, marimba and saxophone and has been described as a leading American Neo-Romantic composer of his time.

“Just As I Am, without One Plea” – arr. Robert J. Powell

The author of this hymn, Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871), became a semi-invalid at the age of 32, and she felt her life was useless. A visiting Swiss evangelist, Dr. Cesar Malan, asked her if she were a Christian – a question which she (as the daughter of a clergyman) resented and told him so. Later she apologized and said she did not know how to come to Christ. “Come to him just as you are,” was the answer. Twelve years later, she wrote this highly personal witness to salvation.

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” – arr. James Mansfield

These words by Goerge Duffield (1818-1888) were inspired by the dying message of Dudley A. Tyng, a heroic and faithful Episcopalian minister in Philadelphia during the great revival of 1858, usually known as “The Work of God in Philadelphia.” Tyng died as the result of an accident on the family farm. In his last moments, he said to his father, “Stand up for Jesus; father, stand up for Jesus; and tell my brethren of the ministry wherever you meet them, to stand up for Jesus!” The following Sunday, after Tyng’s death, George Duffield preached on Ephesians 6:14 in Temple Presbyterian Church and the verses of the hymn were used as a concluding exhortation. The hymn first appeared as a leaflet for Sunday School children and was badly garbled in the *Church Psalmist* (1858). In its present form it first appeared in *Lyra Sacra Americana* (1868).

Pray for our VBS

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



The Sum of Your Word

Find the 36 **bold** words from Psalm 119:153–160 (ESV).

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Look on my **affliction** and **deliver** me, for I do not **forget** your **law**. **Plead** my **cause** and **redeem** me; give me **life** according to your **promise**! **Salvation** is far from the **wicked**, for they do not **seek** your **statutes**. **Great** is your **mercy**, O **LORD**; give me life according to your **rules**. Many are my **persecutors** and my **adversaries**, but I do not **swerve** from your **testimonies**. I look at the **faithless** with **disgust**, because they do not **keep** your **commands**. **Consider** how I love your **precepts**! Give me life according to your **steadfast love**. The **sum** of your **word** is **truth**, and every one of your **righteous** rules **endures forever**.

Serving Today

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USHERS	8:15 Kathy Haegele, Lisa Kuhar, Shirley Hodek, Vanessa Stewart 11:00 Jim Claflin, Jeremy Clark, Paul Hotchkiss
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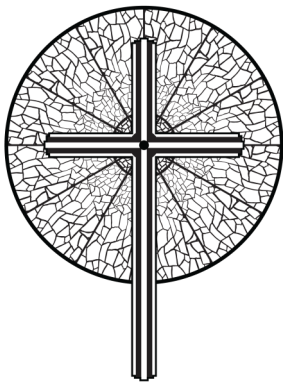
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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church has been serving the Westerville community for more than 115 years, supporting local ministries such as the Westerville Area Resource Ministry, Westerville Partnership Habitat for Humanity, and Westerville CROP Walk. 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 28– July 5, 2026

Amazing God-- Amazing Grace-- Amazing Worship!

June 28	FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	
	8:15 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Worship Service
MON	6:30 pm	Monday Night Bible Study on Romans (Fellowship Hall)
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	7:30 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
FRI.	—Office Closed—	
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
SAT	9:30 am	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
July 5	SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST following the Muhlenberg Lutheran Church Order of 1748	
	8:15 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Worship Service

Muhlenberg Lutheran Church Order of 1748

As our nation celebrates America's 250th anniversary, we will observe worship using the Lutheran Church Order of 1748, a liturgy familiar to many early American Lutherans. Join us for this unique opportunity to experience worship as it may have been celebrated during the founding years of our nation. *We hope this interesting experience in worship will be a meaningful addition to our national commemoration of our 250th anniversary!*

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

Date	Upcoming Events
Wednesdays 10:30AM	Women’s Wednesday Bible Study
July 12	No Nursery as we prepare for VBS
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 1	Trip to Kings Island hosted by Youth and Family
August 29	9am-noon: Westerville Farmers Market: Grace Outreach Tent

YOUTH & FAMILY SUNDAY MORNINGS & WORSHIP RESOURCES

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

NURSERY CARE (INFANTS – AGE 6)

Enjoy worship, Adult Learning, or fellowship in the Loaves & Fishes Café while your little ones are lovingly cared for. 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 to meet again in August!** The Band of Brothers for younger/working men will be on hiatus in July and will meet again in August for a special fellowship gathering. Watch the bulletins and August Voice!
- **Grace Sisterhood's** next meeting is **July 13 at 7pm at The Hoover Bar and Kitchen.** We will

continue meeting the 2nd Monday of each month (so mark your new 2026 calendars so you can join in the fellowship). We 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, Last study this Monday, June 29, 6:30 PM!** 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 resume in the fall.**
- **Wednesday, Women's Bible study meets 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

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

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

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



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

CHRISTIAN GROWTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

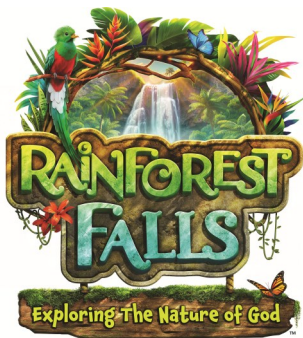
Vision Statement: To nurture Youth and Family in Christ through Bible based teaching, music, activities and community outreach.

Youth and Family Events

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

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 Transform Grace into Rainforest Falls! It takes a village to create an amazing VBS experience! We need volunteers to help turn our church into a rainforest adventure before VBS begins—and then help us return everything to normal when the week is over. Whether you can lift, decorate, organize, hang signs, move props, or simply lend a helping hand, we'd love to have you join the crew! Many hands make light work! Come for an

hour or stay for the whole time. Together we'll create a memorable experience that helps children discover God's love in a fun and exciting way.

Sign up at the Welcome Desk or contact Molly King to volunteer!

VBS Set-Up Day

Saturday, July 11

- 9:00 AM–Noon (sign-up: <https://grace-evangelical-luther.subspla.sh/fbynkdq>)
- 1:00–4:00 PM (sign-up: <https://grace-evangelical-luther.subspla.sh/7vprmttd>)

VBS Set-Up Day

Sunday, July 12

- 12:30–3:00 PM (sign-up: <https://grace-evangelical-luther.subspla.sh/qgk6nfh>)

VBS Tear-Down Day

Friday, July 17

- 9:00 AM–Noon (sign-up: <https://grace-evangelical-luther.subspla.sh/nyyckbf>)



Grace Ringers Bell Choir: Contact Maria Laderman.

Grace Singers Chancel Choir: contact Helen Kang.

Joyful Voices Youth Choir rehearsal schedule: contact Helen Kang.



Youth and Family Congregational Trip to King's Island, Saturday, August 1st! All members of the congregation are invited to a Youth and Family trip to King's Island amusement park, Saturday, August 1st! We will meet at the church at 8:30 AM and spend the day having fun at the park. If we have 15 or more, tickets will be \$44! Bring the family, bring a friend! Sign up now at the Welcome Desk!

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.

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

Monday, July 27th, 9 AM! All seniors and friends are invited to a field trip to Jackson Center, Monday, July 27th, meeting at the church at 9 AM. We will have a tour at the Air Stream RV factory, then have lunch at the nearby Do Good Restaurant and Ministry, a unique restaurant in Osgood, OH, with gardens and activities. Sign up at the Welcome Desk, QR code to the left or online: <https://grace-evangelical-luther.subspla.sh/c4qvkyz1>
Check it out at dogoodrm.com!





Looking Ahead: Senior’s Trip to Frankenmuth, Michigan, Monday-Tuesday, Nov. 9-10! All seniors and friends are invited to take an overnight trip to Frankenmuth, Michigan, “Little Bavaria,” leaving Monday morning, November 9th and returning before 6 PM on November 10th. We will stay at the Bavarian Inn, have time to explore the shops and history of the town and on Tuesday, visit Bronner’s Christmas Shoppe, known as the largest Christmas store in the world! More information will be forthcoming, but for now, sign up at the Welcome Desk at church or online (<https://grace-evangelical-luther.subspla.sh/shv2m4q>) to indicate interest, which will determine costs. Questions? See Pastor Wendel!

OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE the DATE for SERVICE

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

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



Needed list: 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.

FOOD/HYGIENE MONTHLY TOTAL= 231.5 lbs.; YEAR TO DATE TOTAL=1,183.5 lbs.
MONTHLY MONETARY= \$1,225.95; YEAR TO DATE TOTAL MONETARY= \$5,802.57

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

GRACE
Intercessory
Prayer Team

It has been three years since the start of the Intercessory Prayer Team here at Grace Church. The first meeting was June 14, 2023, and was the only time we came together for an in-person meeting. The team is now 19 members strong. A list of prayers is emailed or postal mailed to the members to pray for 2 weeks. The prayers include new prayers and reminders of prayers for the second week, prayers for individuals from the Sunday’s bulletin, continuing prayers for our Clergy and upcoming events at Grace.

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

If you are interested in learning more about the IPT and joining the team, contact:
 • Donna Dettmann - donnadett@aol.com – 703-447-7760 • Joanne Figge - jcfigge@gmail.com – 614-207-1061



• Susan Riches - skr.riches@gmail.com – 719-650-8696.

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

Ways to ask for prayer - your name is optional:

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

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

Social Concerns Notes

from Joanne Figge

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

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

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



Community Relations Coordinator at abby@warmwesterville.org

2026-2027 School Year Volunteer Planning

CHILDHOOD NUTRITION SHARE BAC-A-PAC DRIVERS NEEDED!



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

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

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>



VBS
2026

Registration NOW Open

Sunday, July 12- Thursday, July 16

5:30-8:00pm

Register at
www.Grace43081.org

GRACE EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH
100 E. Schrock Rd.,
Westerville, OH

register here





SPECIAL EVENTS

LET'S CELEBRATE

Sunday, July 5: 8:15 and 11am

As our nation commemorates the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, we will worship using the Muhlenberg Lutheran Church Order of 1748—the historic liturgy used by most Lutherans in colonial America.

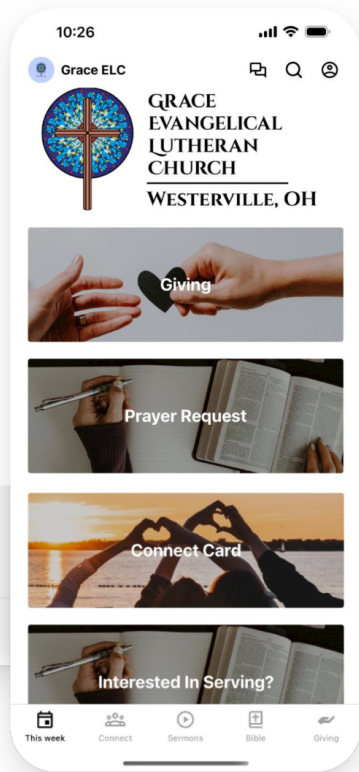
Sunday, July 19

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

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

Cake Reception between services

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



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**Two services of Word and Sacrament every Sunday
Traditional, Faithful, Biblical Worship
A Parish that is Committed to “Inreach” and “Outreach”
A Strong Sunday School Program
Children and Youth Ministry and Learning Opportunities
In-depth Adult Education/Adult Studies
Vacation Bible School in the summer
Adult Fellowship Activities
Congregational Fellowship Activities
Grace Care Team
Outstanding Music Program for Worship and Outreach,
including Grace Chancel Choir, Grace Youth Choir,
Grace Ringers
“Amazing Grace” Community Concert Series
Advent and Lenten Midweek Evening Prayer services
Outreach through Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM)
Founding Congregation of Habitat for Humanity Partnership
Alcoholics Anonymous meetings**

And more...

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

Won't you join us?

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How did you find us?

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

Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church!

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

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

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

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

I am a member of _____ Church
City/State _____

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

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

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

Other information you would like to share: _____

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