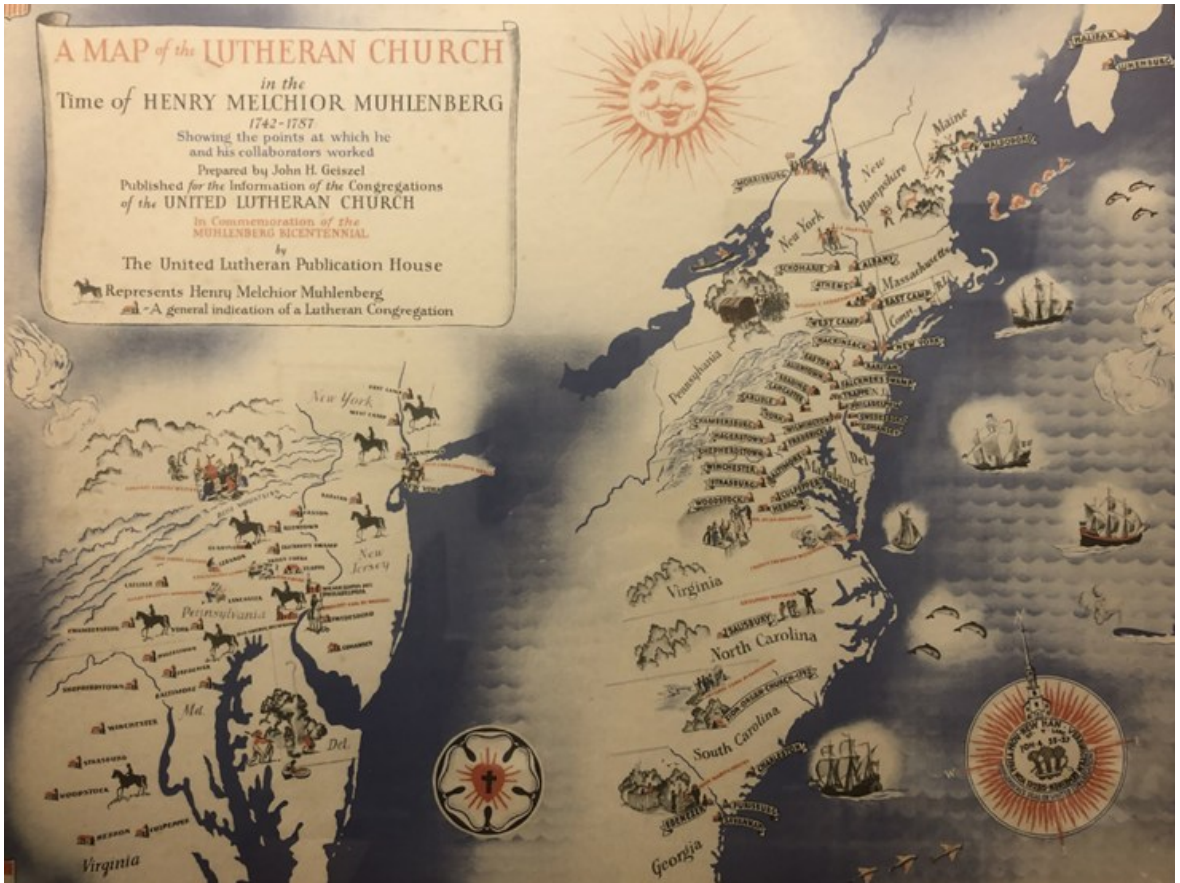


Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

The Muhlenberg Liturgy



July 5, 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

"He Leadeth Me" - *arr. Stephen Walters*

"O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies" - *arr. Charles Callahan*

Announcements

Church Agenda (Liturgy) of 1748

Also known as “The Muhlenberg Liturgy”

Translated from the German by Dr. C. W. Schaeffer for the English translation of the Hallesche Nachrichten. Recorded in A History of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States (1893/1902) by Henry Eyster Jacobs. The Order of Service of 1748 is beyond comparison the noblest and purest Lutheran Service which the church in America prepared or possessed until the publication of the Church Book. — Dr. Beale Melanchthon Schmucker, c.1882

The Agenda of 1748 was never printed; but each pastor provided himself with a written copy for his own use. Two of these copies came into the hands of the late Rev. J. W. Richards of Reading, who himself was a descendant of the patriarch Muhlenberg. The oldest and most complete copy came down from the hands of Pastor Jacob Van Buskerk and is from the year 1763. The other copy is from the hand of Pastor Peter Muhlenberg, who was in Dunmore County, Va., at the time when this copy was written, in 1769. What we here furnish in print is taken from the copy of Pastor Van Buskerk, and varies from it only in certain unimportant parts, that have been somewhat confused, the correction being supplied from the copy of Peter Muhlenberg.

INTROIT

“Come Holy Ghost, God and Lord” (v. 1)

1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord, with all your
grac - es now out - poured on each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the bright - ness
of your light in ho - ly faith your church u - nite; from ev - 'ry
land and ev - 'ry tongue, this to your praise, O Lord, our
God, be sung: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Confession

P Beloved in the Lord! Thus saith the High and Lofty One who inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. I will not always chide, neither will I keep anger forever: only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Accompany me therefore in making confession of sins, saying:

C **I, a poor sinner, confess unto God, my heavenly Father that I have grievously and in various ways sinned against him; not only by outward and gross sins, but even more by inward blindness of heart, unbelief, doubt, despondency, impatience, pride, selfishness, carnal lusts, avarice, envy, hatred and malice, and by other sinful passions which are naked and open in the sight of my Lord and God, but which I, alas! cannot fully understand. But I sincerely repent, in deep sorrow, for these my sins; and with my whole heart I cry for mercy from the Lord, through Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, being resolved, with the help of the Holy Ghost, to amend my sinful life. Amen.**

Absolution

P Upon this confession of sin which you have now made, I, a minister of my Lord Jesus Christ, hereby declare, to all them who are truly penitent and heartily believe in Jesus Christ, and are sincerely resolved, in heart, to amend their lives and daily to grow in grace, to them I declare the forgiveness of all their sins; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

P But, on the other hand, I declare to all who are impenitent, to the hypocritical as well as the openly ungodly, and I testify, by the Word of God, and in the name of Jesus, that so long as they continue in their impenitent state, loving sin and hating righteousness, God will not forgive their sins, but retains their sins against them, and will assuredly punish and condemn them for their iniquities, in the end, except they turn to him, now, in this day of grace; except they sincerely forsake all their evil ways, and come to Christ in true repentance and faith; which we heartily pray they may do. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

"Jesus Shall Reign"

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 thron - e to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 hon - or to our king; an - gels de - scend with


shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

The Liturgy of The Word


THE KYRIE

P Lord God the Father in heaven,
C **have mercy upon us.**
P Lord God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
C **have mercy upon us.**
P Lord God the Holy Ghost,
C **have mercy upon us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.**


GLORIA: "All Glory Be to God on High"




1 All glo - ry be to God on high and thanks to him for -
2 O Fa - ther, for your lord - ship true we give you praise and
3 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, per - fect gift, who brings us con - so -



ev - er! What - ev - er Sa - tan's host may try, God
hon - or; we wor - ship you; we trust in you; we
au - thor, re - deem - er of your wan - d'ring ones, and
la - tion: to men and wom - en saved by Christ as -



foils their dark en - deav - or. He bends his ear to
give you thanks for - ev - er. Your will is per - fect,
source of all true plea - sure: O Lamb of God, O
sure your in - spi - ra - tion. Through sick - ness, need, and



ev - 'ry call, and of - fers peace, good - will to all, and
and your might re - lent - less - ly con - firms the right; your
Lord di - vine, con - form our lives to your de - sign, and
bit - ter death, grant us your warm, life - giv - ing breath; our



calms the trou - bled spir - it.
lord - ship is our bless - ing.
on us all have mer - cy.
lives are in your keep - ing. A - - - - - men

SALUTATION & COLLECT

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Father God, Lord of heaven and earth, your Son invites us to come to Him to find rest for our souls. As we are often weak and heavy laden, burdened by the cares of the day, give us grace to trust in your wisdom and will, receiving peace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

L Let us devoutly listen to the reading of the lesson for this day, from Zechariah.

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Psalm 145:1-14

Refrain



The LORD is gra-cious and full of com-pas-sion, the



LORD is full of com-pas-sion.

Psalm Tone



- L¹ I will exalt you, O¹ God my King,
and bless your name forev-¹er and ever.
- C² **Every day¹ will I bless you
and praise your name forev-¹er and ever.**
- L³ Great is the LORD and greatly¹ to be praised;
there is no end¹ to his greatness.
- C⁴ **One generation shall praise your works¹ to another
and shall de-¹clare your power. Refrain**
- L⁵ I will ponder the glorious splendor¹ of your majesty
and all your¹ marvelous works.
- C⁶ **They shall speak of the might of your¹ wondrous acts,
and I will tell¹ of your greatness.**
- L⁷ They shall publish the remembrance of¹ your great goodness;
they shall sing of your¹ righteous deeds.
- C⁸ **The LORD is gracious and full¹ of compassion,
slow to anger and¹ of great kindness. Refrain**
- L⁹ The LORD is loving to¹ everyone
and his compassion is over¹ all his works.
- C¹⁰ **All your works praise¹ you, O LORD,
and your faithful¹ servants bless you.**
- L¹¹ They make known the glory¹ of your kingdom
and speak¹ of your power;
- C¹² **that the peoples may know¹ of your power
and the glorious splendor¹ of your kingdom. Refrain**
- L¹³ Your kingdom is an ever-¹lasting kingdom;
your dominion endures through-¹out all ages.
- C¹⁴ **The LORD is faithful in¹ all his words
and merciful in¹ all his deeds. Refrain**

SECOND READING: Romans 7:14-25a

L Let us devoutly listen to the reading of the lesson for this day, from Romans.

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! ...

HYMN

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
 Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
 u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.
 may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 and lead us out of death to life.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30

P Let us devoutly listen to the reading of the Holy Gospel for this day, from St. Matthew the eleventh chapter.

²⁵Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

THE NICENE CREED

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

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; our
 2 Un - seal our lips to sing your praise in
 3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, “O
 4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and

hearts in true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with
 end - less hymns through all our days; in - crease our faith and
 ho - ly, ho - ly Lord Most High!” And in the light of
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

light di - vine, and let your truth with - in us shine.
 light our minds; and set us free from doubt that blinds.
 that blest place we then shall see you face to face.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise through-out e - ter - ni - ty!

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: “Pressure?”

The Rev. David Wendel

The Sermon shall ordinarily be limited to three quarters of an hour, or, at the utmost, to one hour. When all is done, the pastor closes with the votum:

VOTUM

P The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds, through Christ Jesus, unto eternal life. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing - place, and he has made me glad.
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - 'ling days are done.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

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

Please be seated.

THE MUSICAL OFFERING

Benny Hoch - Marimba/ Linda Hoch - Piano

"Norwegian Dance" - *Edvard Grieg/arr. J. Michael Roy*

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

THE OFFERTORY "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Musical score for the offertory. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost."

THE HOLY COMMUNION

SURSUM CORDA

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us lift up our hearts,

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Sabaoth.

C **The whole world is full of his glory.**

P Let us pray:

C **Our Father,**

who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and, when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples saying, Take, eat; This is my Body, which is given for you; This do in remembrance of Me.

After the same manner also, He took the cup, when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My Blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; this do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.

EXHORTATION

P Now let all those who are found to be prepared, by the experience of sincere repentance and faith, approach, in the name of the Lord, and receive the Holy Supper.

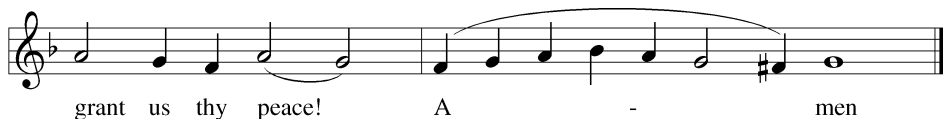
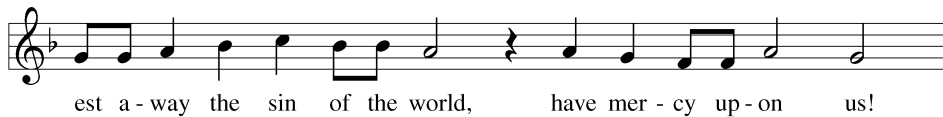
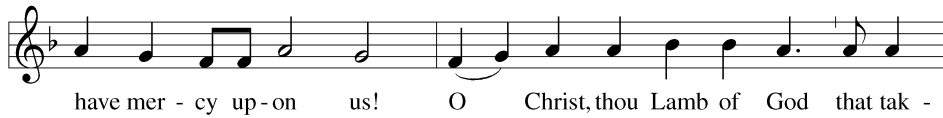
P This is the true body of your Lord Jesus Christ, given unto death for you; may this strengthen you in the true faith unto everlasting life.

C **Amen.**

P This is the true blood of your Lord Jesus Christ, of the New Testament, shed for the forgiveness of your sins, unto everlasting life.

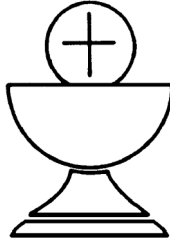
C **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD



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

"How Great Thou Art"



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;
 gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;
 bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;
 ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"



Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to
 thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

COMMUNION HYMN "Charlestown" - arr. Gilbert M. Martin

Linda Hoch

After all have communed, please stand.

POST-COMMUNION

P Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: Hallelujah.

C **And his mercy endureth forever: Hallelujah.**

P We give thee thanks, O gracious God, our heavenly Father, because thou hast refreshed us with these thy salutary gifts; and we humbly beseech thee to strengthen us, through the same, in faith toward thee, and in fervent love toward one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

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.**

BENEDICTION (*Numbers 6: 24-26*)

P Receive the blessing of the Lord.
 The Lord bless thee and keep thee,
 The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace;
 In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought"



1 He lead-eth me: oh, bless-ed thought! Oh, words with heav'n-ly com-fort fraught!
2 Some-times mid scenes of deep-est gloom, some-times where E-den's bow-ers bloom,
3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev-er mur-mur nor re-pine;
4 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the vic-t'ry's won,



What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.
by wa-ters calm, o'er trou-bled sea, still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.
con-tent, what-ev-er lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead-eth me.
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jor-dan lead-eth me.



Refrain



He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me, by his own hand he lead-eth me.



His faith-ful fol-l'wer I would be, for by his hand he lead-eth me.



THE RITE OF SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

Linda Hoch

"Battle Hymn of the Republic" - *arr. Roger C. Wilson*

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...

Julie and Will Hartfelder in celebration of Corbin Perkins' 3rd Birthday.

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

WELCOME



Scan to *Simply Give*

This QR code connects you to the mobile version of Grace's online giving page to give you a quick and easy way to access our 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.

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost, June 28: 8:15: 71; 11:00: 91; total: 162

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

MUSIC NOTES

“He Leadeth Me” – arr. Stephen Walters

This text was penned in 1862 by Joseph Henry Gilmore. His wife submitted it to the Boston *Watchman and Reflector* where it was published later that year without his knowledge. Three years later, Gilmore happened upon his text in *The Golden Censor* where it appeared with a refrain which had been added by the composer of the music, William Bradbury.

“O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies” – arr. Charles Callahan

Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929) writes that her original poem was inspired by an expedition to the top of Pike’s Peak in 1893. The opening lines came to her as she looked out over the “sea-like expanse of fertile country spreading away so far under the ample skies.” A visit to the “alabaster city” at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago that same year was responsible for the last stanza. In 1904 Miss Bates rewrote the hymn simplifying the phraseology, and the revised version was first printed in the *Boston Evening Transcript*, November 19, 1904. Further revision was made in 1918 to produce the present hymn.

“Norwegian Dance” – Edvard Grieg/trans. J. Michael Roy

The *Norwegian Dances*, Op. 35 (1883) of Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg (1843-1907) are for the most part based on tunes he found in Ludvig Mathias Lindeman’s folk song collection *Mountain Melodies Old and New*. Like many sets of national dances from the 19th century, Grieg’s Norwegian Dances were originally scored for piano duet to satisfy demand for music to be played in the home. They were later orchestrated by the Czech-born conductor Hans Sitt. This arrangement by J. Michael Roy is of *Norwegian Dance No. 2* and is transcribed for Marimba and Piano.

“Charlestown” – arr. Gilbert M. Martin

The hymn tune CHARLESTOWN (sometimes spelled CHARLESTON) was composed by American musician Amos Pilsbury (1772-1812). It first appeared in print in 1799 in his published collection *The United States Sacred Harmony*. Pilsbury named the melody after his hometown of Charleston, South Carolina, where he was born and resided. *The United States Sacred Harmony* became an important early American tune book, with CHARLESTOWN being one of the 30 original tunes introduced in the book. The tune later gained wider popularity in the American South, becoming a staple in shape-note and fasola singing traditions. It was included in William Walker’s *The Southern Harmony* (first published in 1835).

“Battle Hymn of the Republic” – arr. Roger C. Wilson

In December 1861, six months after the Civil War began, Julia Ward Howe and her husband traveled to Washington with Governor and Mrs. Andrews of Massachusetts. During the journey, she heard troops along the road singing “John Brown’s body lies a-mouldering in the grave,” and was reminded of the fine tune. James Freeman Clarke, her pastor and a member of the traveling group, suggested she write more fitting words. Mrs. Howe completed them that same night and showed them to Dr. Clarke a day or so later. *The Atlantic Monthly* issue of February 1862 printed the poem under the title “The Battle Hymn of the Republic.”

Pray for Our Church

God, let our church be a great influence in our community through our VBS. We want your perfect love to be at the foundation of our city, and we pray that we spread your love. Let our doors be open and our hearts be welcoming to all kids and their families. Let your goodness shine through us.



Great is the Lord

Find the 25 **bold** words from Psalm 145:1-8 (ESV)

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

I will **extol** you, my God and **King**, and **ble**ss your name forever and ever. Every **day** I will bless you and **praise** your name **forever** and ever. **Great** is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. One **generation** shall commend your works to another, and shall **declare** your **mighty** acts. On the glorious **splendor** of your **majesty**, and on your **wondrous** works, I will **meditate**. They shall **speak** of the might of your **awesome** deeds, and I will declare your greatness. They shall **pour forth** the fame of your **abundant goodness** and shall **sing** aloud of your **righteousness**. The LORD is **gracious** and **merciful**, slow to anger and abounding in **steadfast love**.

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PREACHER/ OFFICIATING	The Rev. Dr. David Wendel
COMMISSIONED LAY MINISTER	Molly King
ORGANIST	Linda Hoch
SACRISTAN	Fred Pfanz
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Dr. Helen Kang
BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR	Maria Laderman
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ACOLYTE	8:15 Miguel Arreguin 11:00 Maggie Hoch
CANTOR LECTOR	Fred Pfanz 8:15 Donna Dettmann 11:00 Chris Hoch
LITTLE LAMBS	8:15 Ellen Paulus 11:00 Jan Breen
USHERS	8:15 Jim Caldwell, Paul Whitacre, Robert Ayers, Ted Ray 11:00 Tom Moser, Andy Laderman, Michael King
GREETERS	8:15 Marge Cepek, Nancy Kleberg 11:00 Kenny and Cindy Odum
NURSERY ATTENDANTS ALTAR GUILD	Kaitlyn F., Donna P. Team 2- Karen Bale, Tami Banks, Carolyn Rearick, Sue Miller, Julie Hartfelder, Bonnie Sawyer, Marge Cepek, JoAnn Slemmer
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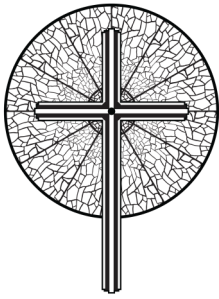
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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church has been serving the Westerville community for more than 115 years, supporting local ministries such as the Westerville Area Resource Ministry, Westerville Partnership Habitat for Humanity, and Westerville CROP Walk. 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: July 5-12, 2026

Amazing God-- Amazing Grace-- Amazing Worship!

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!*

MON

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 Safety Training (Pre-registration required)
7:30 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

FRI. 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Westerville Arts and Music Festival Community Sponsor

SAT **9am-noon VBS Decorating**
9:30 am AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
1-4pm VBS Decorating
8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Westerville Arts and Music Festival Community Sponsor

July 12 **SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/NEW MEMBER WELCOME**

8:15 am Worship Service (No nursery)

11:00 am Worship Service (No nursery)

After 2nd Service VBS final set-up

5:00 pm VBS Kick-off and Registration

5:30-8pm Rainforest Falls VBS

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

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)- Closed 7/12

Enjoy worship, Adult Learning, or fellowship in the Loaves & Fishes Café while your little ones are lovingly cared for. Paggers 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-** They will reconvene sometime in August. Contact Bill Kulju
- **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, July 18, 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** June 29th was the final session of the Monday Night Bible Study of Romans. There will not be a meeting during the month of July. On Monday, August 3, 6:30 PM we will begin a four session study titled, "What Lutherans Really Believe!" Over time, Lutheranism in the United States has been impacted by Reformed evangelicalism, as well as so-called "American civil religion." What do Lutherans truly believe, according to the Augsburg Confession and the Lutheran confessional writings? Come discover confessional Lutheranism! We will discuss such topics as the Lutheran view of sacraments, the "Means of Grace," "Salvation by grace through faith," as well as the Lutheran understanding of saints, the Christian's life in "Two Kingdoms" as Luther explained it. The study will also answer questions about the Lutheran reforming movement within the Church catholic! Sign up at the Welcome desk!
- **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/7vprmtd>)

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.



Columbus Clippers hosted by Youth and Family- August 14, 7:05pm, Clippers Game (Aug. 2 ticket sign-up deadline) Tickets will be \$11 for adults and \$9 for youth/senior. The youth age is 3-12 and seniors are 60 and up. Anyone 2 and under will not need a ticket. At the Welcome Desk or register by scanning the QR code.

If you have any questions contact Molly King
m.king@grace43081.org



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 or register online <https://grace-evangelical-luther.subspla.sh/26t83gm> or scan the QR code. Questions: Contact Pr. David Wendel, d.wendel@grace43081.org

HOSPITALITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



**RED CROSS
BLOOD
DRIVE**

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.

On June 18, Grace Supper Club dined at Hofbrauhaus in Grandview and had a wonderful evening filled with good German food and fellowship. Next month we have a reservation at Claudiana Italian Restaurant on Thursday, July 16 for 6:15 p.m. Claudiana is located at 8475 Sancus Blvd, Columbus 43240. In order for us to have an accurate headcount, we ask that you sign up in advance and include the total number in your party. 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'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/c4qvkzy!> 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: canned fruit; canned meat; canned tomatoes; cereal; detergent (dishwasher and laundry); helpers; paper towels; salad

dressing; sugar; toilet paper. 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.

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.

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



Join the fun at our next Euchre game on Monday, July 20 at 1 o'clock in the café. It can be a little competitive, but lots of laughs! We need four people per table, so sign up at the Welcome center ahead of time! Any questions, please reach out to Lois Rumph or Karen Bale.

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

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LUTHERAN CHURCH
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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.

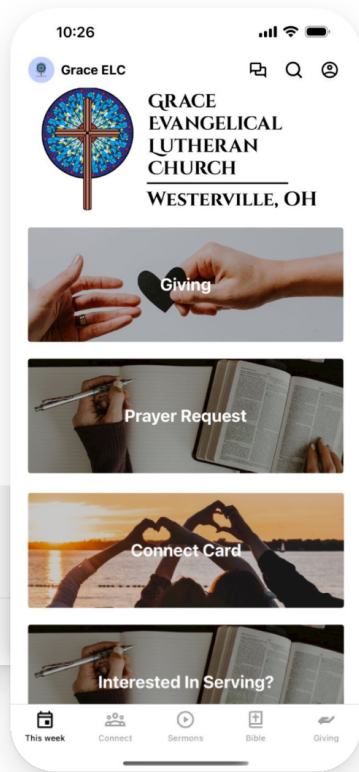
Sunday, July 19

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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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church offers:**

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

And more...

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

Won't you join us?

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How did you find us?

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

Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church!

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

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

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

_____ I am a member of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church/will commune today.
_____ I Am a Visitor (_____ 1st Time _____ 2nd Time _____ Regular Visitor)
_____ I am a Regular Attendee.
I am a member of _____ Church
City/State _____
_____ I am visiting from out-of-town.
_____ I have recently moved to this area from _____
_____ **YES, I WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF GRACE CHURCH!**
_____ Please include me in e-mail communications. My e-mail address is:

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

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

Other information you would like to share: _____

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