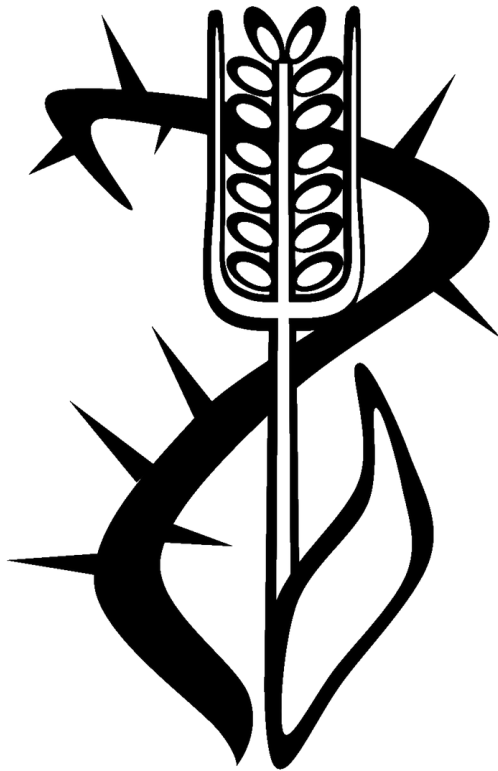


Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Recognition of 45th Anniversary of Ordination to the
Holy Ministry



July 19, 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

"O Holy Spirit Enter In" - *Paul Manz*

"Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow" - *arr. Roberta Rowland-Raybold*

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

"O Holy Spirit, Enter In"



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your
 2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the
 3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in



work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,
 nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -
 doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -



O Light di - vine, a - round and in us bright - ly shine, your strength
 fast - ness, that we may fol - low you for - ev - er free, no mat -
 ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you



in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is
 ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some
 true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show - er; by your



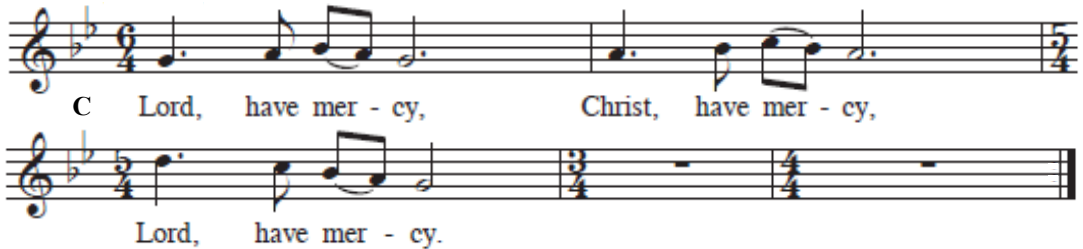
giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.
 to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.
 pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

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



HYMN OF PRAISE:

“Glory to God”



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.

Almighty God, you are righteous and merciful, as you care for your children.
Create in us the strength to know and do your will, that we, too, may shine like
the sun in the kingdom of our Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. ⁸Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

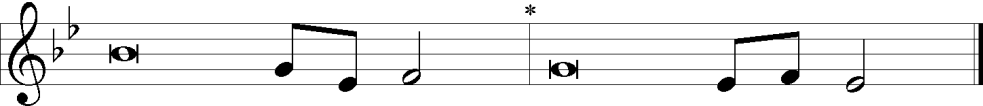
Psalm 119:57-64

Refrain



Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes.

Psalm Tone



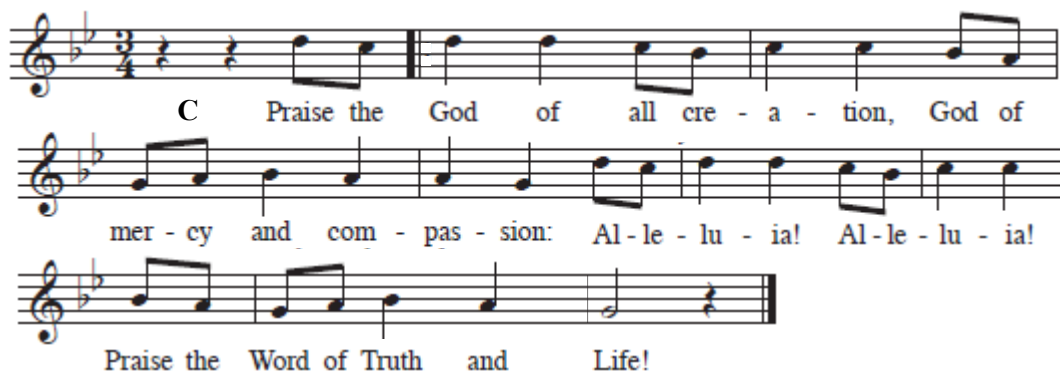
- L ⁵⁷You only are my por- | tion, O LORD;
I have promised to | keep your words.
- C ⁵⁸**I entreat you with | all my heart,
be merciful to me according | to your promise.**
- L ⁵⁹I have consi- | dered my ways
and turned my feet toward | your decrees.
- C ⁶⁰**I hasten and | do not tarry
to keep | your commandments. Refrain**
- L ⁶¹Though the cords of the wicked en- | tangle me,
I do not for- | get your law.
- C ⁶²**At midnight I will rise to | give you thanks,
because of your | righteous judgments.**
- L ⁶³I am a companion of | all who fear you
and of those who keep | your commandments.
- C ⁶⁴**The earth, O LORD, is full | of your love;
instruct me | in your statutes. Refrain**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:18-27

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

ALLELUIA VERSE (*John 6:68*)



HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

²⁴Jesus put another parable before {the disciples}, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’”

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

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

Bishop Emeritus John Bradosky

After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Thy Strong Word"



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with
4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we
night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -
thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward
forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.
glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.
beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
throats that shout the hope that fills us,
mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
May the light which thou dost send
fill our songs with alleluias,
alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
to thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light of Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
praise the holy Trinity!

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... Jan Boughton, Lon Landis, David Doll, Don Melick, Tom Zawodny, Betty Milner, Rod Rice, Sue Ross, Mary Ross, Jim Ross

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.**

RECOGNITION OF 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO THE HOLY MINISTRY

B Pastor Wendel, on this day 45 years ago, you were ordained to the Holy Ministry of Word and Sacrament, according to Lutheran usage, in First Lutheran Church, Columbus, Indiana. You have served faithfully and well as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Hobbs, New Mexico, Saint Luke's Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado, as Assistant to the Bishop for Ministry and Ecumenism of the North American Lutheran Church, and you now serve as pastor of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Westerville, Ohio. We pause now to give thanks to God for His call to all baptized Christians to share in Christ's ministry of love and service in the world, to the glory of God and for the sake of the human family and the whole creation, and to God's call to you, that according to apostolic usage, you have been

entrusted with the office of ordained ministry in the one holy catholic Church, by the laying on of hands and by prayer.

Hear the words addressed to Timothy: "I charge you, in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom; preach the Word, be urgent in season and out of season, convince, rebuke, and exhort, be unfailing in patience and in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own likings, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander into myths. As for you, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry." II Timothy 4:1-5

Will you continue to serve faithfully as a pastor in this Church, being obedient to your vows of ordination, preaching and teaching diligently the Word of God as it is found in the Holy Scriptures and taught in the Confessions of the Church, being a faithful minister of the Holy Mysteries of God, celebrating the Eucharist and other services with sincere devotion, endeavoring to live according to the Word of God, to serve the Lord in truth as a shepherd of the flock entrusted to you, loving, serving and praying for God's people, that together, you may give faithful witness to the world?

P I will, and I ask God to help me.

B Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

C **Amen.**

Pastor Wendel kneels for the laying on of hands and prayer.

B Almighty God, bless our brother in Christ, David, with the fullness of your love and the continued inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that he will ever be a faithful minister of Jesus Christ, the High Priest, that through his ministry, your Word will be proclaimed, your grace made known, and your people led to the fountain of salvation, through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The pastoral stole of office is a sign of your work—as you wear it, walk in obedience to the Lord Jesus, serving his people and remembering his promise: “Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

And now, may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

THE PEACE

B 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

Grace Singers Chancel Choir

"Veni Sancte Spiritus" - arr. Luke D. Rosen

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

THE OFFERTORY

"As The Grains of Wheat"

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.
1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when
Refrain
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

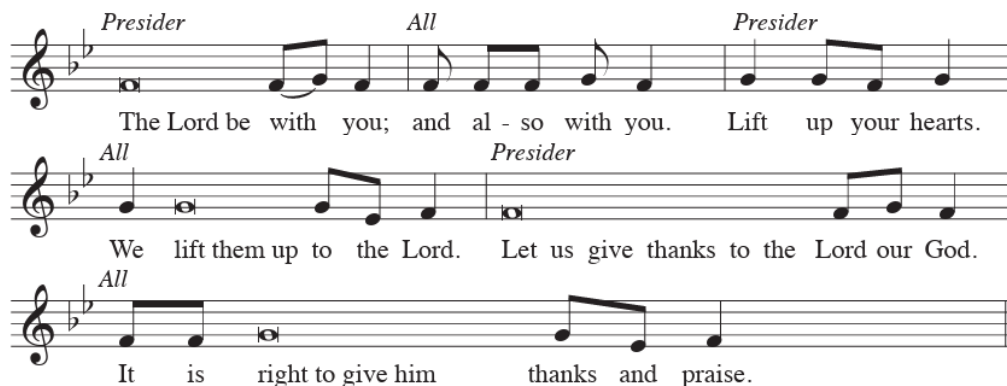
OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Merciful Father,
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves,
our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for
the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

Presider *All* *Presider*



The Lord be with you; and al - so with you. Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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*)

3

C Our Fa - ther, who art in heav-en,
hal - low - ed be thy name; thy king-dom come, thy
will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.
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-against 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*)

Agnus Dei
 Franz Schubert

a tempo

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

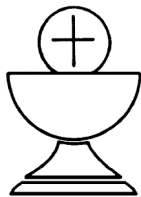
sin of the world, grant us your

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 HYMN

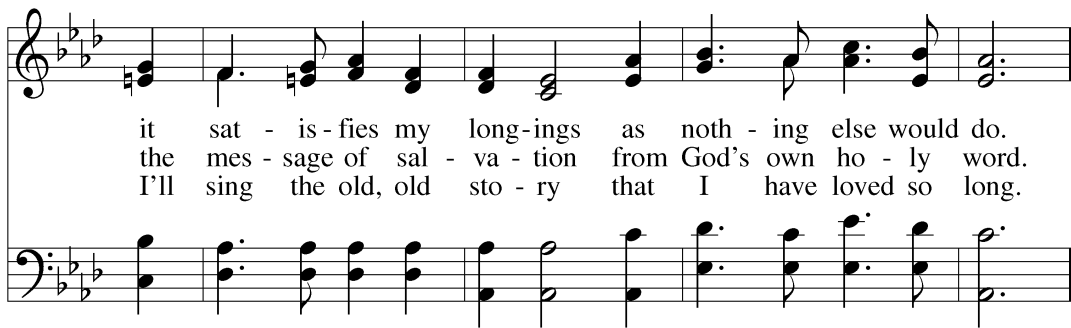
"I Love to Tell the Story"



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme in glo - ry
 and tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Linda Hoch

"Praise and Thanksgiving" - arr. Charles Callahan

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

"Built On a Rock"



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
 2 Not in our tem - ples made with hands God, the Al - might - y, is
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, built for his own hab - i -
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is
 5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
 dwell - ing; high in the heav'n's his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our
 ring - ing, man - y may come to hear God's Word where he this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
 life and sal - va - tion. Were two or three to seek his face, he in their
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with
 prom - ise is bring - ing: I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 midst would show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.
 world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men

THE RITE OF SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

Linda Hoch

"Built on the Rock" - arr. Gordon Young

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

Flowers are given by...

Lisa Kuhar in celebration of the birthdays of her son, John Kuhar, and granddaughter, Sadie Kuhar.

Paul Whitacre in memory of Martha Barnes-Whitacre.



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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*

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- 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.

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost, July 12: 8:15: 63; 11:00: 101; total: 164

MUSIC NOTES

“O Holy Spirit Enter In” – arr. Paul Manz

Written by Michael Schirmer (1606-1673), this Pentecost hymn has been referred to as a New Testament paraphrase of Isaiah 11:2. It first appeared in Johann Crüger’s *Newes vollkömliches Gesangbuch Augspurgischer Confession* (Berlin, 1640).

“Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow” – arr. Robert Rowland-Raybold

The Danish author of this hymn, Bernhardt Severin Ingemann (1789-1862), was both a scholar and a writer of popular historical novels modeled after those by Sir Walter Scott. He also edited the official Danish hymnal of 1859, where the hymn first appeared. The imagery is that of the Israelite’s journey to the promised land, given a Christian interpretation and applied to the pilgrim Church on earth. The use of the word “one” is paramount: one goal, one faith, one hope, one song, one conflict, one march, and one song of gladness at the end of the journey.

“Veni Sancte Spiritus” – arr. Luke D. Rosen

Veni, Sancte Spiritus, known as the “Golden Sequence”, is the sequence for the Mass for Pentecost. It is commonly regarded as one of the greatest masterpieces of sacred Latin poetry ever written. The hymn has been attributed to three different authors, King Robert II the Pious of France (970-1031), Pope Innocent III (1161-1216), and Stephen Langton (d 1228), Archbishop of Canterbury, of which the last is most likely the author. This arrangement uses the Latin refrain, meaning “Come Holy Spirit,” followed by verses in English.

“Praise and Thanksgiving” – arr. Charles Callahan

The text for this hymn was written for the old Gaelic melody BUNESSAN. Albert F. Bayly (1901-1984) wrote about this hymn, “This was written to meet the need for harvest thanksgiving hymns which remind us that we can thank God for his gifts rightly only if we are ready to do His will by sharing those gifts with others, so they can rejoice with us.” It begins with praise to God for good gifts, turns to prayer for those who make harvest possible, and ends with sharing with one another.

“Built on the Rock” – arr. Gordon Young

This hymn written by Nicolai Grundtvig (1783-1872) originally consisted of seven stanzas when it first appeared in *Sang-Værk til den Danske Kirke*, (1837). Grundtvig was a contemporary of Søren Kierkegaard (with whom he disagreed theologically) and was more famous and influential during his lifetime. Based on Christ calling Peter the rock on which the church is built, the hymn is a reminder that we are the building blocks, the living stones which comprise the church. It is our duty to make that temple holy and to lead our children to God’s Kingdom.

Serving Today

PREACHER	Bishop Emeritus John Bradosky
OFFICIATING	The Rev. Dr. David Wendel
COMMISSIONED LAY	Molly King
MINISTER	
ORGANIST	Linda Hoch
SACRISTAN	Fred Pfanz
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Dr. Helen Kang
BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR	Maria Laderman
COMMUNION	8:15 Bill Kulju, Paul Whitacre
ASSISTANTS	11:00 Cheryl Bush, Eric Bush
ACOLYTE	8:15 Caroline Young
	11:00 Ali Milliner
CANTOR	Larry Schaller
LECTOR	8:15 Fred Pfanz
	11:00 Shirley Moleno
LITTLE LAMBS	8:15 Cathy Burner
	11:00 Amy Quinn
USHERS	8:15 Ande Ucubagabriel, George Paulus, Stephen Miller, Sue Miller
	11:00 Mike and Bev Grubb, Tom Seamon
GREETERS	8:15 Pam and Dennis Cooper
	11:00 Kathy Bobb
ASSISTING	Miguel Arreguin
MINISTER	
NURSERY ATTENDANTS	Kaitlyn F., Donna P.
ALTAR GUILD	Team 2: Julie Hartfelder, Karen Bale, Tami Banks, Carolyn Rearick, Sue Miller, Bonnie Sawyer, Marge Cepek, JoAnn Slemmer
	Chris Banks, Eric Bush, Dan George, Paul Grant, Brice Graves
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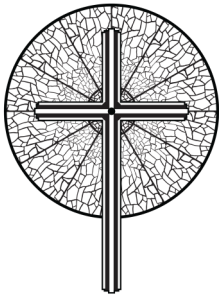
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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church has been serving the Westerville community for more than 115 years, supporting local ministries such as the Westerville Area Resource Ministry, Westerville Partnership Habitat for Humanity, and Westerville CROP Walk. Grace also provides weekly meeting space for five AA groups.

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

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



This Week at Grace: July 19-26, 2026

Amazing God-- Amazing Grace-- Amazing Worship!

July 19

**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/ 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
REV. DR. DAVID WENDEL'S ORDINATION**

PREACHING: Bishop Emeritus John Bradosky

8:15 am Worship Service

Cake Reception between Services

11:00 am Worship Service

4:00 pm Amazing Grace Concert Series presents *Scioto Valley
Brass and Percussion Company*

MON

TUES	noon-6pm	Blood Drive (Gathering Space, Loaves and Fishes Café)
	6:30pm	Council Meeting
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WED.	10:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
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THURS	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
	4:30 pm	Cosmic Baseball Block Party @ Huntington Park
	7:30 pm	Cosmic Baseball @ Huntington Park
	7:30 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

FRI.	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
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SAT	9:30 am	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

July 26 **NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

8:15 am Worship Service

11:00 am Worship Service



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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. 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- 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 **August 10 (the group is taking a break in July) 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, August 15, 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** 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

- 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

thank you!

Thank you for the help planning, preparing, donating, praying over and transforming Grace into Rainforest Falls! It takes a village to create an amazing VBS experience! Last week we had 50 kids register.



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



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.

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/c4qvkyz!> 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.

FOOD/HYGIENE MONTHLY TOTAL= 264 lbs.; YEAR TO DATE TOTAL=1,447.5 lbs.
MONTHLY MONETARY= \$860; YEAR TO DATE TOTAL MONETARY= \$6,661.60

VBS is collecting donations July 12-July 19 and inviting the congregation to join in to benefit



WARM's Share Bac a Pac program, which provides healthy foods and snacks to children who are at risk of hunger on weekends and school breaks when free and reduced meals are not available. Below is a list of the current most needed items. A bin is located by the Welcome Desk or items can be

placed in the WARM carts. Thank you for your support to help feed children at risk of food insecurity in our community.

- ☐ Instant Oatmeal Packets
- ☐ Mini Pretzels individual sized
- ☐ Snack-Sized Meat Sticks individual sized
- ☐ Cheese Crackers individual sized
- ☐ Graham Crackers individual sized
- ☐ Canned Tuna and Chicken (5 oz)
- ☐ Fruit and Veggie GoGo Squeez
- ☐ Fruit Cups
- ☐ Applesauce individual sized
- ☐ Ramen Noodles
- ☐ Canned Tomato/Vegetable Soups
- ☐ Canned Chicken Noodle Soup
- ☐ Pull Tab Pasta (15 oz)
- ☐ Mac and Cheese Boxes
- ☐ Granola Bars
- ☐ Cereal (1 oz)
- ☐ Shelf Stable White/Chocolate Milk
- ☐ Dried Fruit (Craisins/Raisins) (1.33 oz)

Shopping tip: Look for products with expiration dates several months out so that we are able to use it before it expires.



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. The next market is August 29. Crafts will be available for kids at the market.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

LET'S CELEBRATE

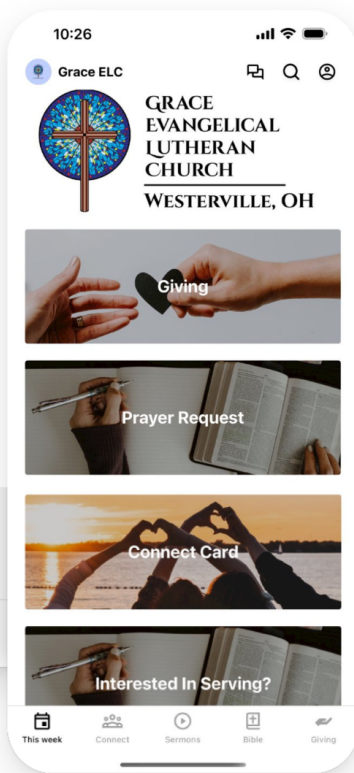
Sunday, July 19

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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