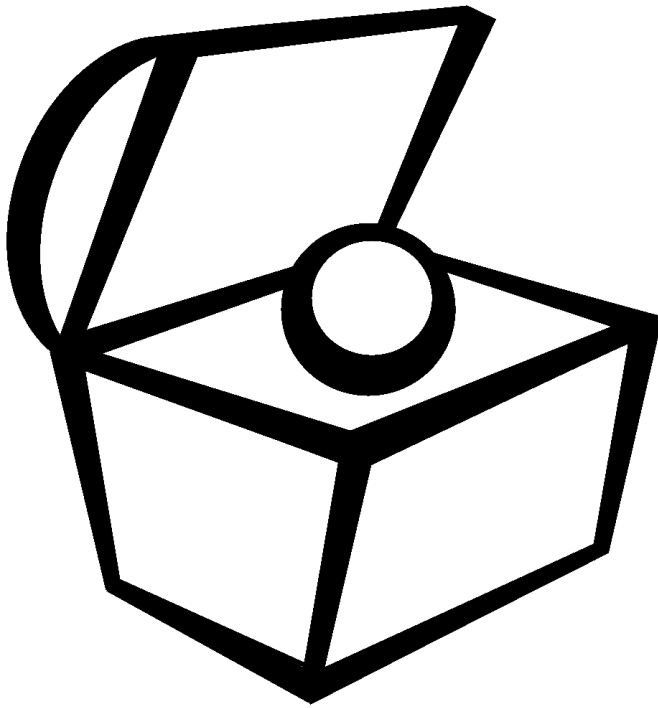


Ninth Sunday After Pentecost



July 26, 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

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure" - *arr. Robert Lind*

"In Thee Is Gladness" - *arr. Wilbur Held*

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.

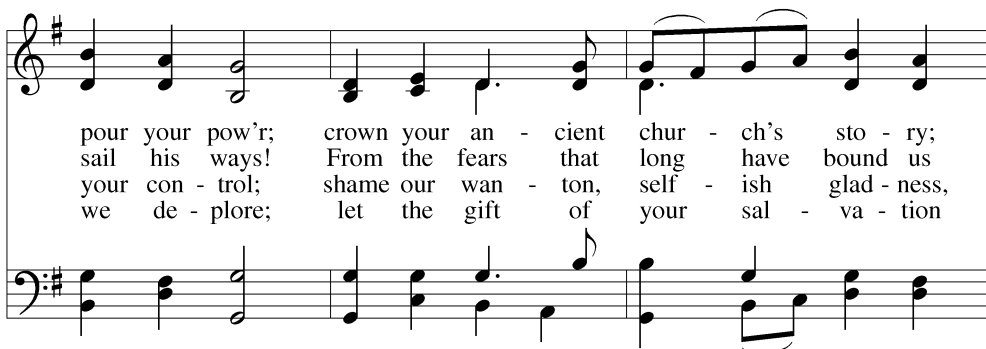
C **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN

"God of Grace and God of Glory"



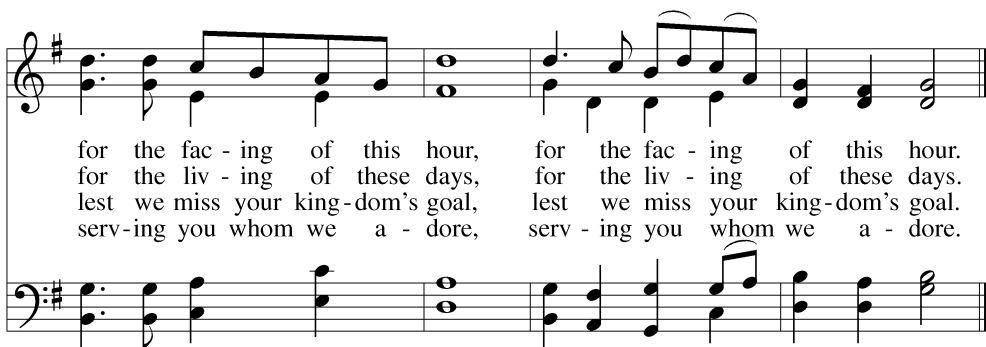
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



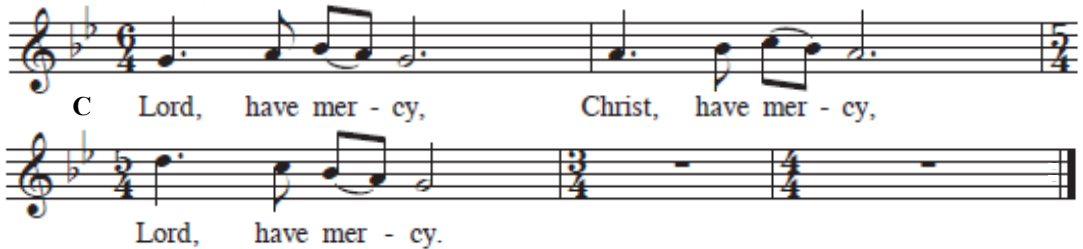
for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

The Liturgy of The Word

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

THE KYRIE



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

HYMN OF PRAISE:

“Glory to God”



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

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord our God, you reveal to us the treasures of the kingdom of heaven. So transform our hearts and minds that we desire nothing more than the treasure hidden in the field, the pearl of great value, a place in your household, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

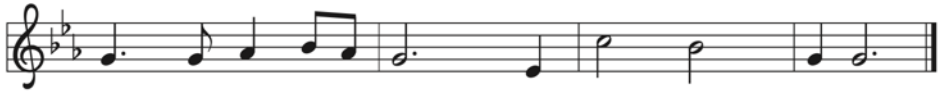
⁶{Moses said to the Israelites,} “For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations”

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 125

Refrain



Those who trust in the LORD stand fast for - ev - er.

Psalm Tone



L ¹Those who trust in the Lord are [|] like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but stands [|] fast forever.

C ²**The mountains sur- [|] round Jerusalem;
so you surround your people, O Lord, from this time forth for- [|] evermore. Refrain**

L ³The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted [|] to the just,
so that the just shall not put their [|] hands to evil.

C ⁴**Show your goodness, O Lord, to those [|] who are good
and to those who are [|] true of heart.**

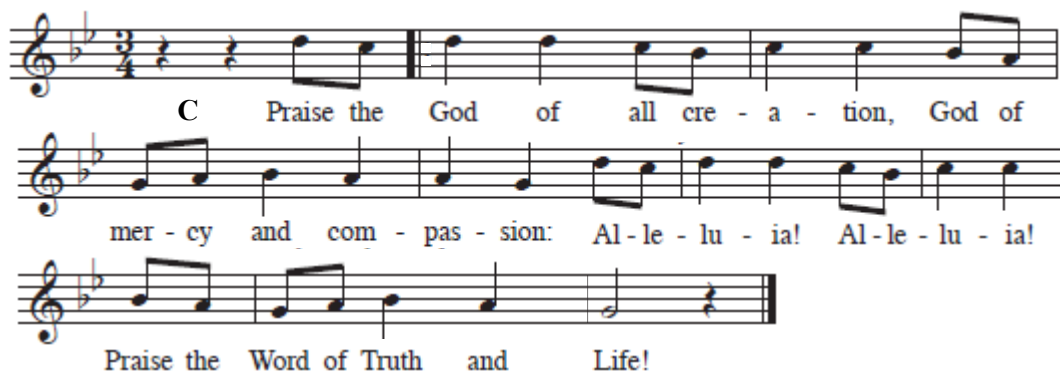
L ⁵As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will lead them away with the [|]
evildoers;
but peace be [|] upon Israel. **Refrain**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:28-39

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died — more than that, who was raised — who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

ALLELUIA VERSE (*John 6:68*)



HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:44-52

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

⁴⁴{Jesus said to the disciples,} "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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: "The Kingdom of Heaven!"

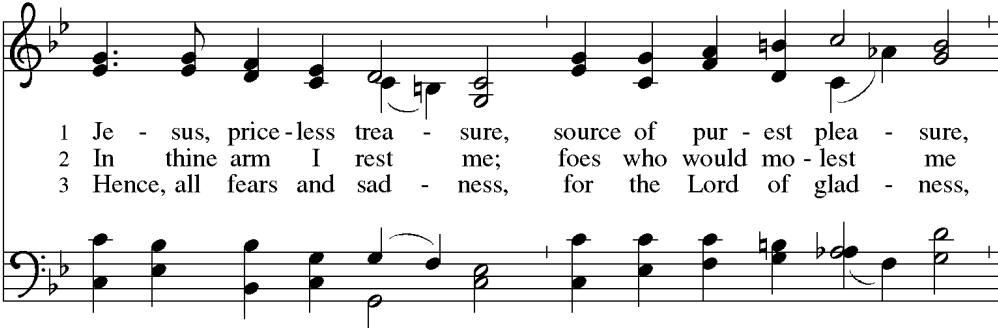
The Rev. David Wendel

After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.

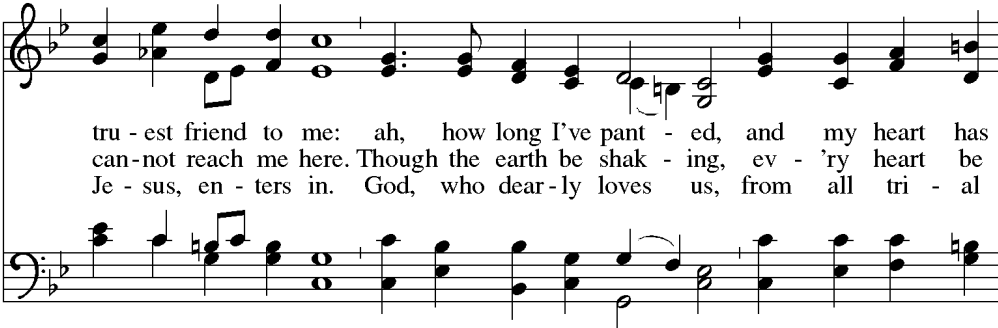
Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure,
 2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would mo - lest me
 3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness, for the Lord of glad - ness,



tru - est friend to me: ah, how long I've pant - ed, and my heart has
 can-not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, ev - 'ry heart be
 Je - sus, en - ters in. God, who dear-ly loves us, from all tri - al



faint - ed, thirst - ing, Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb;
 quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear. Light-nings flash and thun - ders crash;
 saves us, gives sweet peace with-in. I have borne this world - ly scorn;



no - thing in this world can hide thee, naught I ask be-side thee.
 yet, though sin and hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
 still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure: Je - sus, price-less trea - sure!

APOSTLES' CREED

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

THE PRAYERS

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

After each petition:

A Lord, in your mercy;
C **Hear our prayer.**

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

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

THE PEACE

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

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

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE MEAL

MUSICAL OFFERING

Christopher Hoch - Trombone, Linda Hoch - Piano

"Roll Jordan Roll" - *arr. Christopher Hoch*

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.

All *Presider*

We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All

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



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 - gainst us; and lead us not in - to temp -
ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For the king - dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry are yours
now and for - ev - er - more. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD/THE FRACTION

A time of silence...

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

LAMB OF GOD (John 1: 29)

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

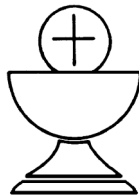
world, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God; you take a - way the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

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Please be seated.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS



All who are baptized, have received the Lord's Supper and believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine that become our Lord's Body and Blood, are welcome to commune. Children or

adults who do not commune are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing!

The Lord's sacramental Blood is available in individual glasses and common cup. As the communion assistants approach, simply indicate which you prefer by a nod of the head or pointing to individual cups or chalice. Grape juice is available in the center ring of each tray. Please place empty individual glasses in the basket provided to either side of the altar area. Gluten-free hosts are available for those who require them. Indicate your preference to the minister administering the hosts.

Private prayer before receiving Holy Communion:

O merciful Lord, I do not presume to come to your Table, trusting in my own righteousness, but in your many and great mercies. I am not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose will it is always to have mercy. Make me, I pray you, worthy now to receive this Holy Communion. Grant me, gracious Lord, so to consume the very Body and Blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ in this Holy Sacrament, that He may evermore dwell in me, and I in Him, that my sinful body may be made clean by His Body, and my soul washed through His most precious Blood. Amen.

Private prayer after receiving Holy Communion:

Almighty God, you provide the true Bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that as I have received the Sacrament of His Body and Blood, He may abide in me, and I in Him, and that all who have received may be filled with the power of His endless life. By your grace, help me to walk worthy of my calling, and to learn to bring glory to your name in all things. Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Linda Hoch

"Galilee" - arr. Christopher Hoch

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

"In Thee Is Gladness"



1 In thee is glad-ness a-mid all sad-ness, Je - sus, sun - shine of my heart.
2 If he is ours, . . we fear no pow-ers, not of earth or sin or death.



By thee are giv - en the gifts of heav-en, thou the true re-deem-er art.
He sees and bless-es in worst dis-tress-es; he can change them with a breath.



Our souls thou wak - est; our bonds thou break - est. Who trusts thee sure-ly
Where-fore the sto - ry tell of his glo - ry with heart and voic-es;



has built se - cure - ly and stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
all heav'n re - joic - es in him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!



Our hearts are pin - ing to see thy shin - ing, dy - ing or liv - ing,
We shout for glad - ness, tri - umph o'er sad - ness, love him and praise him



to thee are cleav - ing; naught us can sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
and still shall raise him glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

THE RITE OF SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

"God of Grace and God of Glory" - arr. J. Bert Carlson

Linda Hoch

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

Flowers are given by...

Chris and Linda Hoch in celebration of our 19th Wedding Anniversary.

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.



Scan to *Simply Give*

This QR code connects you to the mobile version of Grace's online giving page to give you a quick and easy way to access our giving without having to type out a long web address. Through this link, you can create a one-time or on-going donation and to specify where you want your gift to be applied. **It's easy, fast, and secure. If you're able, we also encourage you to set up recurring giving. You can now give:**

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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.

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost, July 19: 8:15: 77; 11:00: 111; total: 188

MUSIC NOTES

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure” – arr. Robert Lind

A love song by H. Alberti, “Flora meine Freude, meiner Seele Weide,” was the inspiration for this song of love to Jesus. Because Jesus is our treasure, our pleasure, our friend, we will not be sad and will find peace in the storms of life. The author, Johann Franck (1618-1677), wrote 100 pietistic hymns, although he was primarily a lawyer and government official.

“In Thee Is Gladness” – arr. Wilbur Held

In 1598, Johann Lindemann (1549-1631), cantor in the Lutheran city of Gotha, published an unusual collection of music called “Twenty lovely and charming little Latin and German New Year’s or Christmas songs, to the praise and glory of the newborn Christ Child Jesus.” The book contained sacred texts set to the tunes of Italian madrigals and dance music. One of its sources was a collection of dance music published seven years earlier by Giovanni Gastoldi (ca. 1554-1609) that contained a tune called “To a happy life love invites us.” Lindemann used it to set a new text, “In Thee is joy amid all sorrow.” Whereas the original text spoke of joy as a result of human love, the new text celebrates the joy that is ours because of the love of God. And where the original text connected love with a happy life, the new text connects the love of God with both a blessed life and a blessed death.

“Roll Jordan Roll” – arr. Christopher Hoch

“Roll, Jordan, Roll”, also “Roll, Jordan”, is a spiritual created by enslaved African Americans, developed from a song written by Isaac Watts in the 18th century which became well known among slaves in the United States during the 19th century.

“Galilee” – arr. Christopher Hoch

“Galilee” is the tune for the hymn “Jesus Calls Us; O’er the Tumult.” Cecil Francis Alexander (1818-1895) was a 19th century educator in her native Ireland and wrote many hymns for children to illuminate and expand the Catechism – on Baptism, the Creed, the Commandments, Prayer, and the Lord’s Supper. This hymn was written for the commemoration of St. Andrew (November 30th). The starting point for this hymn she took from the epistle for the day (Romans 10:9-21), the gospel (Matthew 8:18-22) and the prayer of the day (“Grant unto us all, that we, being called by thy Holy Word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfill thy holy commandments.”)

“God of Grace and God of Glory” – arr. J. Bert Carlson

This hymn by Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969) was written for the dedication of the Riverside Church in New York City, October 5th, 1930. It first appeared in *Praise and Service* (1932) set to the tune REGENT SQUARE. Dr. Fosdick’s hymn calls us to face the call of Christ to be disciples and to pray for wisdom and courage to face the hour, rather than to glory in it.

Those Who Trust in the Lord

Find the 36 **bold** words from Psalm 125:1-5 (ESV).

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

Those who **trust** in the **LORD** are like **Mount Zion**, which cannot be **moved**, but **abides forever**. As the **mountains surround Jerusalem**, so the LORD surrounds his **people**, from this **time forth** and **forevermore**. For the **scepter of wickedness** shall not **rest** on the **land allotted** to the **righteous**, lest the righteous **stretch** out their **hands** to do **wrong**. Do **good**, O LORD, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their **hearts**! But those who **turn aside** to their **crooked ways** the LORD will **lead away** with **evildoers**! **Peace** be upon **Israel**!



Join us for WARM's Hunger Heroes 5K, which will take place on Saturday, August 29th, 2026, at the Westerville Sports Complex (325 N Cleveland Ave). Our Children's Race will start at 8:40 AM, and our 5K will start at 9 AM.

September is Hunger Action Awareness Month, an annual nationwide campaign to raise awareness about food insecurity and to inspire action. **WARM's Hunger Heroes 5K brings people together in a fun way to highlight the growing need in the Westerville community.**

Registration is \$35 and will increase to \$40 on August 4th, 2026:

<https://www.warmwesterville.org/hunger-heroes-5k>

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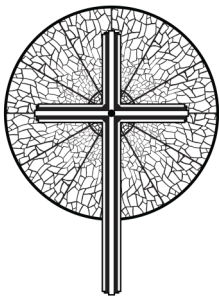
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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church has been serving the Westerville community for more than 115 years, supporting local ministries such as the Westerville Area Resource Ministry, Westerville Partnership Habitat for Humanity, and Westerville CROP Walk. 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 26-Aug. 2, 2026

Amazing God-- Amazing Grace-- Amazing Worship!

July 26

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:15 am Worship Service

11:00 am Worship Service

MON 9:00 am Senior's Social Moment trip: Air Stream Factory & Do Good Restaurant

TUES 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WED. 10:30 am Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
6:15 pm Grace Ringers (Sanctuary)

THURS 7:30 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

FRI. 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

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

August 2 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:15 am Worship Service

11:00 am Worship Service

Ticket Deadline for Aug. 14 Clippers Game.

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

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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.

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

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



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!



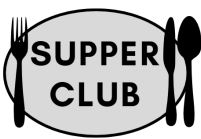
Monday, July 27th, 9 AM! All seniors and friends are invited to a field trip to Jackson Center, Monday, July 27th, meeting at the church at 9 AM. We will have a tour at the Air Stream RV factory, then have lunch at the nearby Do Good Restaurant and Ministry, a unique restaurant in Osgood, OH, with gardens 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!



On July 16, Grace Supper Club dined at Claudiana Italian Restaurant and had a wonderful evening of fellowship together. In August we have a reservation at Rusty Bucket Restaurant and Tavern on Thursday, August 20 for 6:15 p.m. Rusty Bucket is located at 400 Polaris Parkway, Westerville 43082. In order for us to have an accurate headcount, we ask that you sign up in advance and include the total number in your party. A sign up sheet is available at the Welcome Center Desk. **EVERYONE IS**



WELCOME TO ATTEND! Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Any questions, please see either Bev Grubb or Tami Stone.

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 and the congregation joined together 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. Thank you for your support to help feed children at risk of food insecurity in our community. **We collected 213 lbs of food for WARM Bac a Pac Program!**

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".

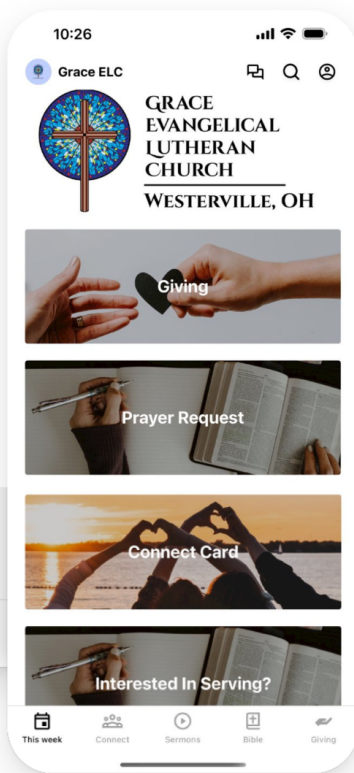
Let the IPT join you in asking God for your prayer need.

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.



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