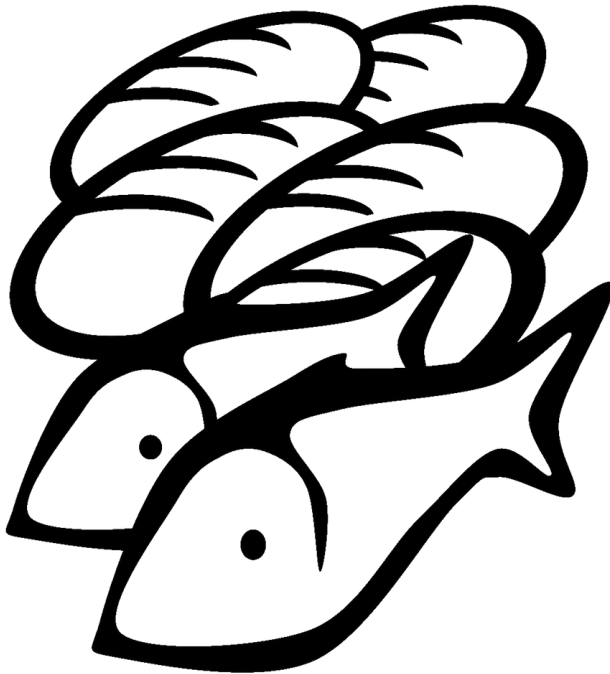


Tenth Sunday After Pentecost



August 2, 2026

A Prayer Upon Entering

*Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe.
As I cross this threshold, I enter as if the ground itself were paved with gold,
for the place whereon I stand is holy ground.
Calm my spirit, quiet my rushing thoughts, and still my heart.
Help me to lay aside the noise and burdens of the world, for you are here.
May this space be a sanctuary of peace,
and may my heart be a living temple of your Holy Spirit.
Let no shout or rush disturb this sacred hour,
but let reverence, awe and love fill me as I approach your presence.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

(Traditional prayer on the doors of English churches)

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

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" - *arr. Gordon Young*

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C **Amen.**

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

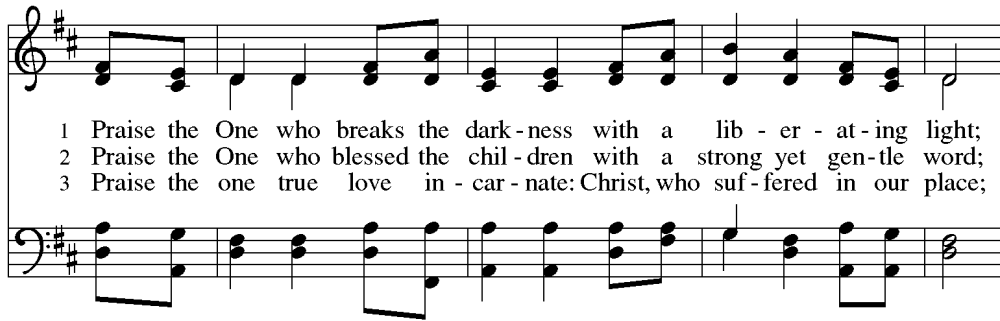
C **O most merciful God, who gave your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for His sake, grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your Word, that by your grace we may come to everlasting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

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

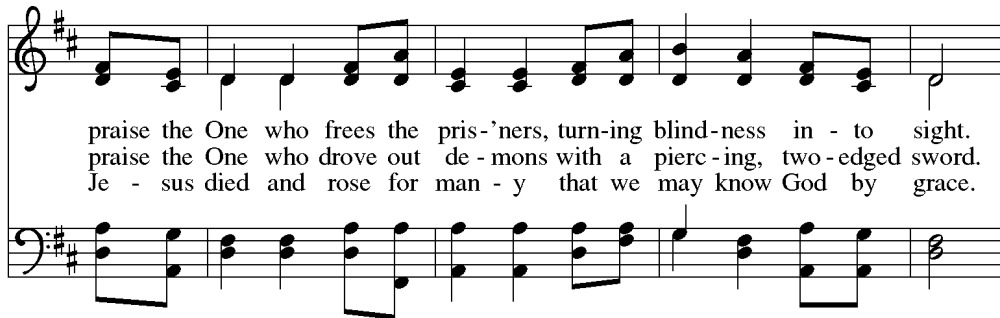
C **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN

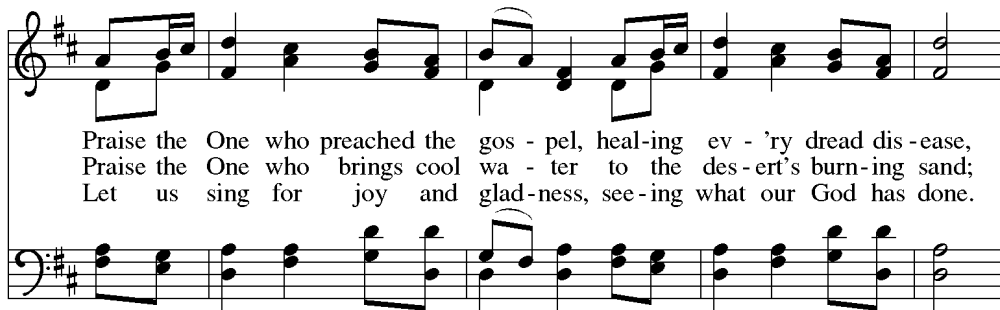
"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"



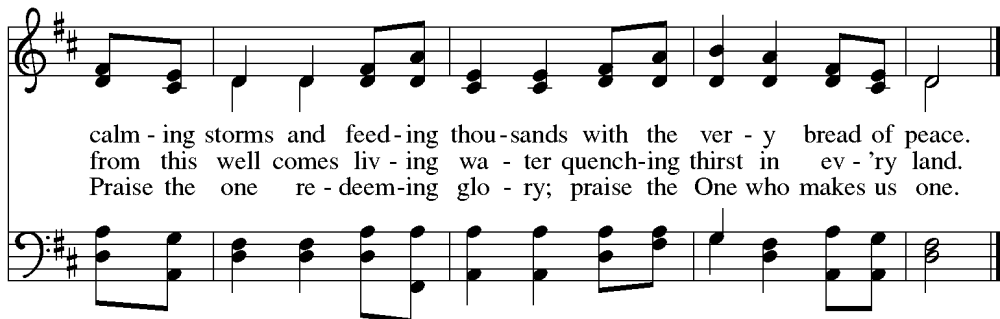
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
 praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



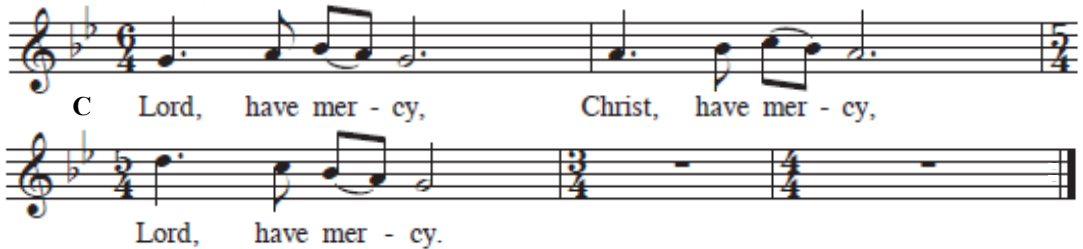
calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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.

Gracious Father, your Son came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, and in the feeding of the multitude, we see a foreshadowing of the Lord's Supper, which was to come. Create in us a hunger for the food which endures, even the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

¹“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 136:1-9

Refrain



God's mer - cy en - dures for - ev - er.

Psalm Tone



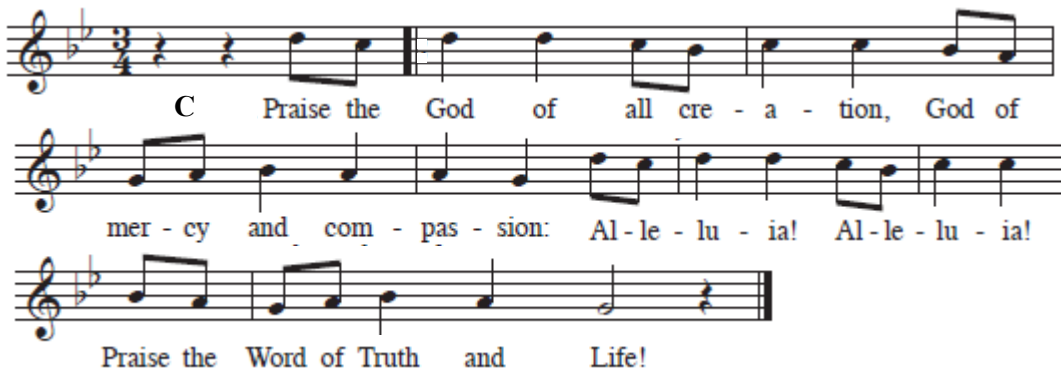
- L ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,
for his mercy en- | dures forever.
- C ²**Give thanks to the | God of gods,**
for his mercy en- | dures forever.
- L ³Give thanks to the | LORD of lords,
for his mercy en- | dures forever.
- C ⁴**Who only | does great wonders,**
for his mercy en- | dures forever;
- L ⁵Who by wisdom | made the heavens,
for his mercy en- | dures forever;
- C ⁶**Who spread out the earth up- | on the waters,**
for his mercy en- | dures forever; Refrain
- L ⁷Who creat- | ed great lights,
for his mercy en- | dures forever;
- C ⁸**The sun to | rule the day,**
for his mercy en- | dures forever;
- L ⁹The moon and the stars to gov- | ern the night,
for his mercy en- | dures forever. **Refrain**

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ — I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit — ²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

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

ALLELUIA VERSE (*John 6:68*)



HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

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

¹³When Jesus heard {of John the Baptist's death}, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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: "Jesus Feeds the Soul"

The Rev. David Wendel

After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Break Now the Bread of Life"

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
 2 Bless your own truth, dear Lord, to me, to me, as when you
 3 You are the bread of life, O Lord, to me, your ho - ly
 4 Oh, send your Spir - it, Lord, now un - to me, that he may

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
 blest the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live
 touch my eyes and make me see. Show me the truth con - cealed

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.
 with - in your word, and in your book re - vealed I see my Lord.

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... Eddie Hardick, 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

"O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts" - *arr. Brian Glyncannon*

David Banas

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*)



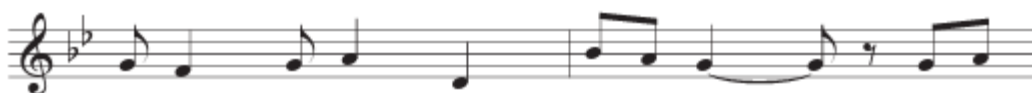
C Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en,



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 -



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD/THE FRACTION

A time of silence...

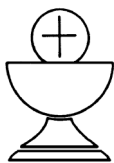
- P Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. (*John 1:29*)
- C **Blessed are those who are invited to the supper of the Lamb!** (*Revelation 19:9*)

LAMB OF GOD (*John 1: 29*)

C Je - sus, Lamb of God; Je - sus, Bread of Life; 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.

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

Selected Communion Music by David Banas

After all have communed, please stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING OF OUR CARE TEAM

P Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your Word and sacrament with those who are sick or homebound. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

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

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



RECESSIONAL HYMN

"O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
 2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to
 3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
 4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our

life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
 feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
 chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
 mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -

parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
 head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
 turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
 way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

THE RITE OF SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

David Banas

"Trumpet Voluntary" - *Jeremiah Clarke*

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.

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

WELCOME



Scan to *Simply Give*

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

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11:00 Hannah Laderman

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11:00 Joe Moleno, Merl Breen, Dick Jones, Brice Graves

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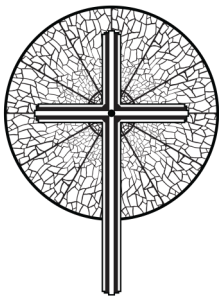
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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church has been serving the Westerville community for more than 115 years, supporting local ministries such as the Westerville Area Resource Ministry, Westerville Partnership Habitat for Humanity, and Westerville CROP Walk. 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: Aug. 2-9, 2026

Amazing God-- Amazing Grace-- Amazing Worship!

August 2

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:15 am Worship Service

11:00 am Worship Service

Men's Choir Rehearsal after the 11am service.

Ticket Deadline for Aug. 14 Clippers Game.

MON

TUES 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WED.

THURS 1:00 pm Art and Environment (Loaves and Fishes Café)
7:30 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

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

SAT 9:30 am Grace Youth Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
9:30 am AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

August 9 **Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost/ Farewell and Godspeed for Molly King and King family**

8:15 am Worship Service

Reception between services in honor of Molly King (Loaves and Fishes Café)

11:00 am Worship Service

Secret Sister Event after the 11am service in Rose Garden 1

Men's Choir Rehearsal after the 11am service in the Sanctuary

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



Molly King's last day at Grace will be Sunday, August 9. A reception honoring Molly will be held between services in the Loaves and Fishes Café. Plans for Molly's ordination are still being finalized. We will share additional information in the Sunday bulletins as details become available.



Second quarter giving statements were sent earlier this week to members. Statements were emailed to those with valid email addresses; those without emails should have received statements in the mail. Let Debbie Yoho (d.yoho@grace43081.org) know if you have any questions.

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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.

YOUTH & FAMILY SUNDAY MORNINGS & WORSHIP RESOURCES

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

NURSERY CARE (INFANTS – AGE 6)

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

BUSY BAGS

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

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS

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

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

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL (PRESCHOOL – HIGH SCHOOL)

Sundays, 9:40 – 10:30 AM (Resumes September 13)

Adult class available (Resumes September 13)

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
- **"Bros and Brews," for all Men of the Church, Tuesday, August 11, 6:30 PM.** The Band of Brothers group for younger/working men, is inviting all men of the church, young, middle-age and seniors, to come together for an evening of fellowship, as "brothers--'bros!" Bring your own brew: iced tea, coffee, ale, beer or bourbon--whatever, and we'll have snacks! It will be a relaxing evening of fellowship giving thanks for our calling as men in the church, in homes, families and our community! It will take place Tuesday, August 11, 6:30 PM at the home of John Morrison, 764 Mill Wind Ct. East, (John says it backs up to the fire station).
- **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, Saturday September 19th, 8 AM.** At the last Men of Grace study in July, the men completed the chapter and verse study of the Gospel of Luke! We will begin studying the Gospel of Mark on September 19th, as our lectionary will begin using Mark's writing as our gospel lessons beginning Advent 1, November 29th. All men of the church (and friends) are invited to join in this monthly study!
- **Monday Evening Bible Study resumes September 14th, 6:30 PM.** After our four-session study on "What Lutherans Really Believe" in August, we will resume Monday evening Bible study on September 14th, (Holy Cross Day!). Following our spring study on Romans, we will begin with the so-called "Corinthian Correspondence," beginning with Paul's first letter to the Christians in Corinth. These letters are quite personal, as Paul had a relationship with this congregation, and writes to address conflict in which had arisen in Corinth. As the apostle deals with this division, he also provide for us his great teachings on the power and wisdom of God versus the foolishness of humans, sexual immorality in the Church, the body as a temple of the Holy Spirit, instructions

regarding marriage, the institution of the Lord's Supper and the meaning of it, leading to what is really the capstone of the epistle, his teaching on the gifts of the Spirit, especially faith, hope and love! Sign up at the Welcome desk at church or on the Grace app!

- **Ruth Circle will resume in the fall.**
- **Wednesday, Women's Bible study meets at 10:30 am. The study will not meet on Wednesday, August 5 and resumes Wednesday, August 12.** If you are interested see Pr. David Wendel or email at d.wendel@grace43081.org.

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, TODAY, 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



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, TODAY, 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



Sign up today for Joyful Voices Children/Youth Choral Day Camp! Saturday, September 26, 10 AM-4 PM We are excited to announce "Joyful Voices Children/Youth Choral Day Camp for children and teens in our congregation and community! Dr. Helen Kang will lead a choral camp for those entering grades 3 through 12, Saturday, September 26, 10 AM till 4 PM, with assistance of choral students at Otterbein University.



The Day Camp will be at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 100 E. Schrock Rd, Westerville, OH! Children and teens have an innate joy and creativity often expressed by singing. Studies show music offers a multitude of benefits, including improved

language skills, enhanced memory, healthy emotional development and



increased self-confidence—and it's fun! Children and teens who would like to build self-esteem, personal discipline, and artistic development through the universal language of music are invited to participate. There is no cost to participate in this Choral Day Camp! Go to www.grace43081.org to register. Questions or desire more information? Contact Dr. Helen Kang, h.kang@grace43081.org.

Dr. Kang is director of choral music at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in organ performance from San Jose State University, a Master of Music in choral conducting from the University of Nevada-Reno, and Doctor of Musical Arts in choral conducting from the University of South Carolina-Columbia. She has served as associate conductor of the World Vision Korean Children's Choir, directing concert choir rehearsals and concerts, supervising six different education choirs, organizing overseas concert tours and international choir festivals. Previously, she has served as the assistant conductor of The Greater Columbus Children's Choir and assistant conductor of The New Choir, Santa Clara, CA. She has extensive teaching and speaking experience, having taught children, youth and college students!

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.

Rally Sunday/Homecoming Sunday September 13! Please have our Rally Sunday/Homecoming Sunday on your calendar, September 13! Labor Day is a bit later this year, so the start of the fall Sunday School, Confirmation Class and Adult Education seems later. Summer is always a time when folks travel, have family outings and lots of youth sports activities. As the fall school semester begins, we “rally” back to church! As we did last year, we are observing September 13th also as “homecoming!” We hope family members, friends and perhaps homebound senior members may be able to come home Sept. 13th, to renew relationships and worship together! If you know one of our homebound seniors, or those who have a hard time getting to worship each week, please reach out, invite them to come and if possible, pick them up and bring them to church!



Senior “Social” Moment, Monday, September 21, 1 PM! All seniors and senior friends are invited to our Senior “Social” Moment, Monday, Sept. 21, 1 PM. This an informal social time for connection, conversation and usually a fun activity! In September, we’ll share memories from school and the beginning of school each year. Come with your fun, embarrassing and/or meaningful remembrances of school -days!



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.



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. Contact Joanne Figge



Join Westerville Habitat Partnership Friday, August 14 and Saturday, August 15 for the 2026 Walls Build! Thank you once again to Westerville Habitat Partnership for providing the space to prepare and build the walls for the home of a deserving Habitat for Humanity of Delaware & Union Counties family!

Click here to register and learn more: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0845A5AD29A2FD0-63246736-walls#/> Contact Joanne Figge

GRACE Intercessory Prayer Team



Intercessory Prayer Team: From Donna Dettmann

What did Martin Luther have to say about prayer:

- **Prayer is a very precious medicine, one that helps and never fails.**
- **Prayer is a strong wall and fortress of the church.**
- **Prayer is a good Christian weapon.**
- **Prayer is the sweat of the soul.**

The Intercessory Prayer Team is here for you to ask for your need (the Bible says – “Ask”). All prayer requests are prayed daily, for two weeks. Confidentiality of your prayer request is very important to the IPT and you can remain anonymous.

We have 2 ways to connect to the IPT for prayer needs.

You will find a locked prayer chest at the back of the church on a table with prayer request forms and pens. Just fill out a form and put your request in the locked prayer chest. (Yes, we will take any piece of paper you can find to write your request on.)

Prayer requests can also be sent through the Grace website: (grace43081.org) The “prayer request” link is found on the top righthand side of the first page of the website.

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

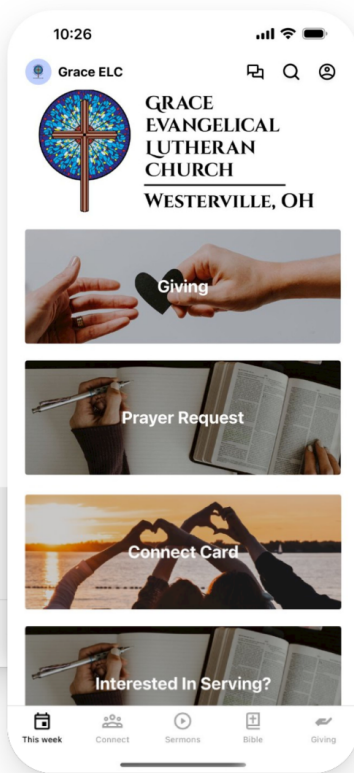


Join us for WARM’s Hunger Heroes 5K, which will take place on **Saturday, August 29th, 2026, at the Westerville Sports Complex** (325 N Cleveland Ave). Our Children’s Race will start at 8:40 AM, and our 5K will start at 9 AM.

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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