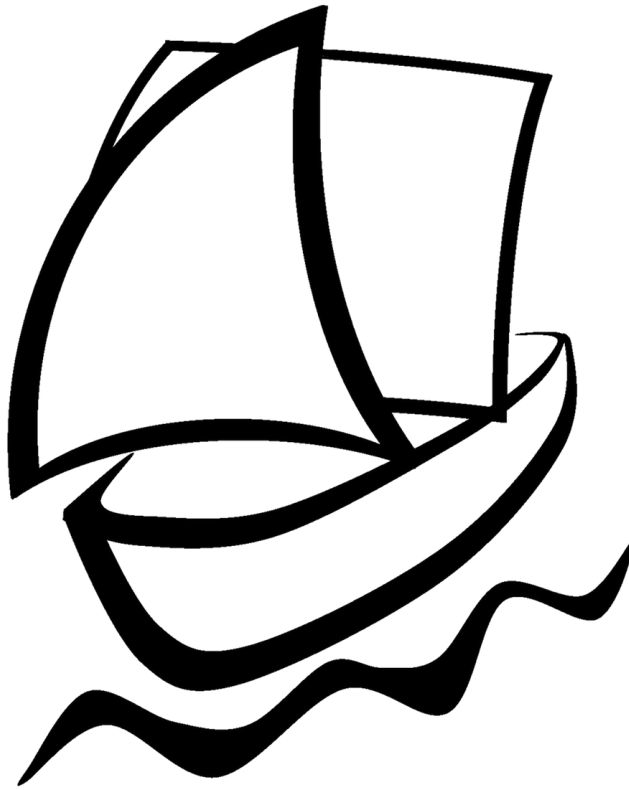


Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Thanksgiving and Farewell



August 9, 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

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" - *arr. Wilbur Held*

"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me" - *arr. Clay Christiansen*

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.

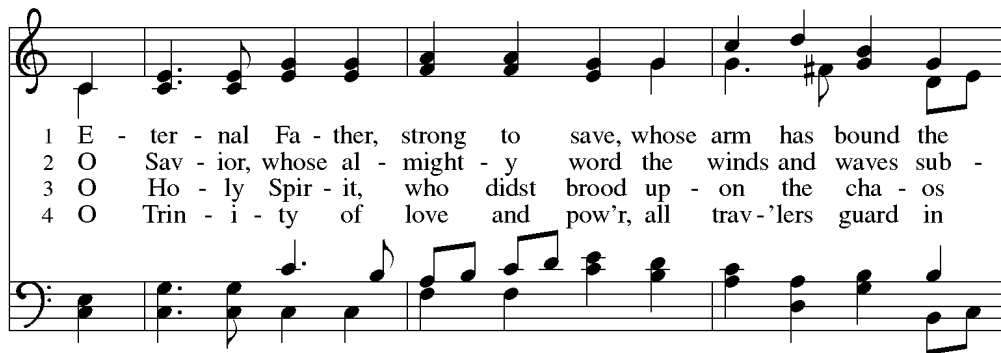
C **O most merciful God, who gave your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for His sake, grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your Word, that by your grace we may come to everlasting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

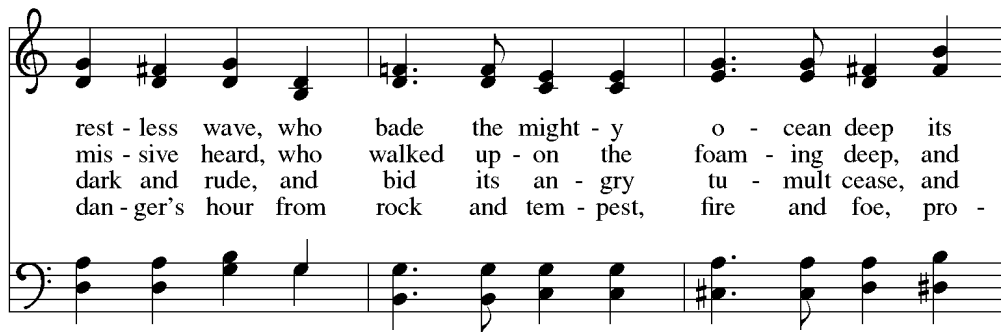
C **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN

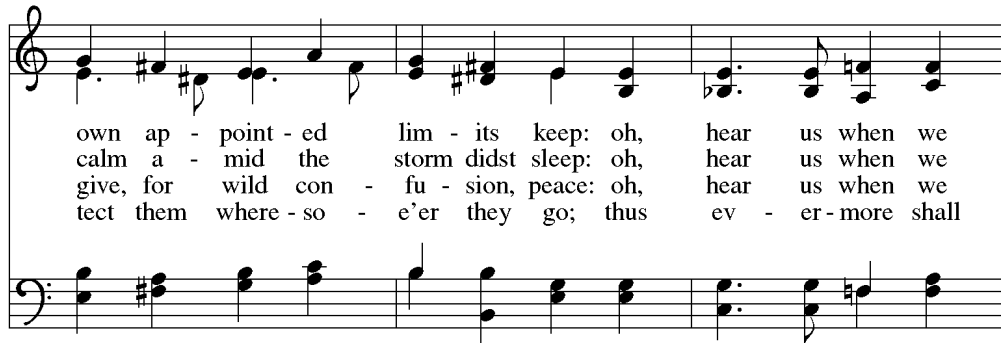
"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"



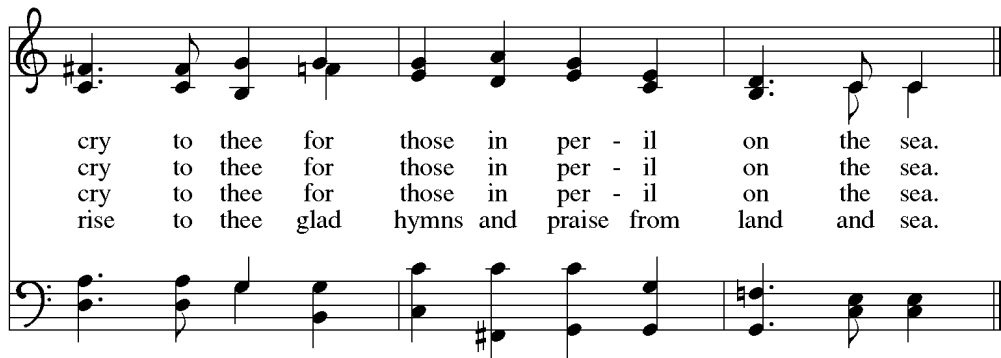
1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

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.

The first system of musical notation for the Kyrie. It consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. It contains the lyrics "C Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy." and ends with a double bar line.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

“Glory to God”

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. _____

The second system of musical notation for the Hymn of Praise. It consists of seven staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. It contains the lyrics "C Glo - ry to God in the high - est, _____ and". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics "peace _____ to his peo - ple on earth _____". The third staff contains the lyrics "Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - migh - ty". The fourth staff contains the lyrics "God and Fa - ther, _____ we wor - ship you, we give you". The fifth staff contains the lyrics "thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. _____". The sixth staff contains the lyrics "Glo - ry to God in the high - est, _____ and peace _____". The seventh staff contains the lyrics "_____ to his peo - ple on earth. _____" and ends with a double bar line.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, our strength and our defender, storms rage around us and within, causing us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us through faith in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Job 38:4-18

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements — surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, ⁹when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’? ¹²Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, ¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? ¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. ¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. ¹⁶Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? ¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? ¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

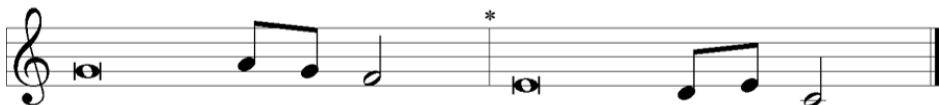
Psalm 18:1-6

Refrain



My God, my rock, you are wor - thy of praise.

Psalm Tone



- L ¹I love you, O | LORD my strength,
O LORD my stronghold, my crag, | and my haven.
- C ²**My God, my rock in whom I | put my trust,**
my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge: You are worth- | y of praise. Refrain
- L ³I will call up- | on the LORD,
and so shall I be saved | from my enemies.
- C ⁴**The breakers of death rolled | over me,**
and the torrents of oblivion made | me afraid.
- L ⁵The cords of hell en- | tangled me,
and the snares of death were | set for me.
- C ⁶**I called upon the LORD in | my distress**
and cried out to my | God for help. Refrain

SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-17

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “LORD, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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

ALLELUIA VERSE (*John 6:68*)



HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

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

²²Immediately {Jesus} made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ²⁸And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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: "Truly, the Son of God--for You!"

The Rev. David Wendel

After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord, Take My Hand"

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,

di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.
 for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.
 I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,

With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
 Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
 then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!

so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.
 for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.
 So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

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... Terry Riesen, 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

"Amazing Grace" - arr. Christopher Hoch

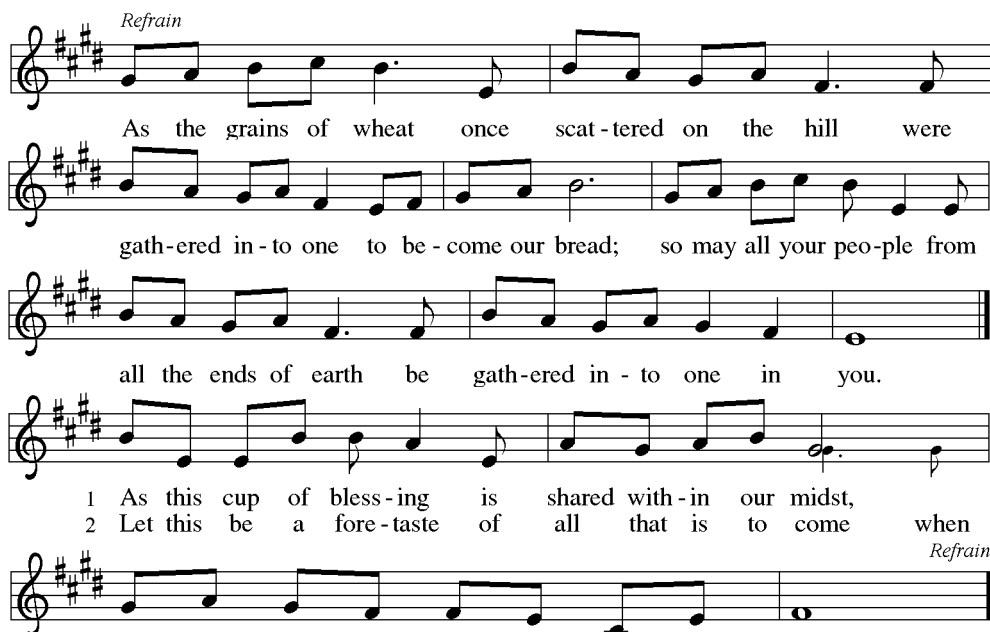
Grace Youth Wind Band

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.

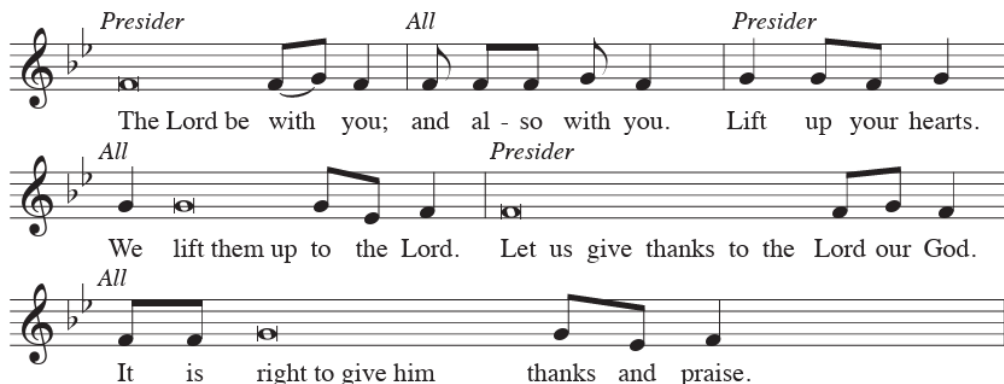
OFFERTORY PRAYER

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



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 -
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*)

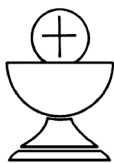
C Je - sus, Lamb of God; Je - sus, Bread of Life; Je - sus, Prince of Peace; you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, Lamb of God; you take a - way the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

a tempo

poco rit.

Please be seated.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS



All who are baptized, have received the Lord's Supper and believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine that become our Lord's Body and Blood, are welcome to commune. Children or adults who do not commune are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing!

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

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

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

COMMUNION MUSIC

Linda Hoch

"It Is Well with My Soul" - arr. David Evan Thomas

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.**

THANKSGIVING AND FAREWELL AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CALL OF AN ASSOCIATE IN MINISTRY

P Dear Molly, for the past ten years, you and your family have been important to our life together in the Church of Jesus Christ, in our service to this community, and in God's mission to the whole world. As you leave this congregation, we wish to give thanks for your ministry, say farewell, and pray for God's blessing as you prepare to be ordained to the holy ministry of Word and Sacrament.

People of God, members of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Westerville, Ohio, do you release Molly from service as our associate in ministry?

C **We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.**

P Molly, do you recognize and accept the completion of your ministry in this congregation?

M I do, and I give thanks to God for our ministry together.

P *A reading from Jeremiah:* For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.
(Jeremiah 29:11)

P Let us pray.
 Almighty God, You equip your people with abilities that differ according to the grace given to them, and you call us to various avenues of service. We give you thanks for the ministry of Molly among the people of God in this congregation. You watch over our going out and our coming in. Bless this time of ending and beginning. As You accompany your people in times of joy and times of trial: we give thanks for all that has been done to your glory in our time together. We ask you to heal and forgive all our sins and shortcomings and any offense which may have been given or received. We look forward with joy and promise to the days ahead.

Lord God, as Molly, Mike, Matthew and Brendan have been a blessing to us, so now send them forth to be a blessing to others. Sustain them with hope, courage, and trust that your Holy Spirit will always be with them, through Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

P We wish you farewell and Godspeed. Go forth with our support and love.

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 "Precious Lord, Take my Hand"

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
 2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
 and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

THE RITE OF SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

Linda Hoch

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save" - arr. Wayne L. Wold

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...

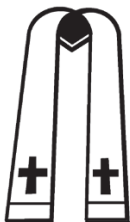
David and Donna Hahm in celebration of our 62nd anniversary.

Dan Morrison in honor of our anniversary.

thank you!

A reception honoring Molly King will be held between services in the Loaves and Fishes Café. Today is Molly's last day at Grace as she is called to be pastor at Zion Lutheran Church, Obetz. We also recognize her family today, Mike, Matthew, and Brendan King.

Congratulations to Molly King & Zion Lutheran Church, Obetz: Ms. Molly King will be ordained and installed as the resident pastor of this SEOMD congregation during their 9:00 am Sunday ser-vice. Zion Lutheran Church is located at 1080 Obetz Rd., Obetz (Columbus), OH 43207. The date for this joyous service will be August 30th. The Rev. Dr. Jess Abbot Area Assistant to the Bishop will preside over the ordination portion, with Co-Dean Matt Cox presiding at the installation portion of the service. Thanks be to God that this long-term vacancy has been filled! May both congregation and new pastor enjoy many fruitful years together in Gospel ministry!
- Kurt Luebke, Dean, Southeast Ohio Mission District, NALC



From the Pastor's Desk: *Pr. David Wendel*

Let me begin by expressing my appreciation for the meaningful observance of my 45th anniversary of ordination on July 19th, the actual date of my ordination in 1981! Thank you and our church council for the recognition, the many cards and gifts and yes, the cake and the beautiful roses! I especially appreciate the very thoughtful comments shared in many of the cards! Susan and I had a wonderful time reading each card carefully, giving prayerful thanks for your love and kindness. It was especially meaningful that our son was baptized into what we call the “ordinary” priesthood of all believers on the same day that I was ordained into the special or “extra- ordinary” ministry of Word and Sacrament. Both are important expressions of the ministry we share within the Body of Christ, as each part of the body is essential and necessary. As I give thanks for God’s call for me to serve as a pastor/under-shepherd in His Church, I give thanks for your partnership in the Gospel!

At the same time, I would like to give thanks for Molly’s call to serve as pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Obetz, Ohio! Molly has served faithfully and well these ten years as Associate in Ministry at Grace Lutheran Church. She has been instrumental in keeping things together through a long pastoral vacancy, with multiple interim pastors, one short-term pastorate, and the on-boarding of a new pastor in December, 2023! Since I was installed, I have seen Molly refocus on the work of Youth and Family ministry, strengthening and building up our congregation through her efforts. As I have shared with Molly, she will be missed and I, personally, will miss her partnership in mission and ministry. The good news is she’s not moving to Timbuktu! She will continue to be present in our Southeast Ohio Mission District and we will continue to work together in the Ohio Mission Region.

While we are sad to “lose” Molly, I’m sure we are all overjoyed that Molly has completed her Master of Divinity degree and been called to a position where she may faithfully serve, while also caring for her family’s needs. As she expressed in her brief letter, our congregation deserves thanks and praise for supporting and encouraging Molly through her seminary education, realizing it would mean, at some point, she would be called elsewhere. We wish her well and will continue to offer heartfelt prayers as she is ordained and enters the ministry of Word and Sacrament. We look forward to sharing more information about her ordination date, time and place, which will be shared as details fall into place.

As Molly transitions to a new and exciting chapter in her life, her resignation and departure will open new possibilities for our congregation! Remember how we grieved when Jeff resigned and we lost a beloved choir director, and then, quickly and surprisingly, God sent us Helen, who has moved our worship and music program forward in exciting ways! While we will grieve Molly’s movement away from Grace, Westerville, to Zion, Obetz, let us also embrace this transition with joyful anticipation! Who knows where God will lead us next with regard to our ministry to and with youth and families? As we move forward with Grace Lutheran Children’s Center, we will have new staff, new children and families in our building, and this provides us with new opportunities. Please join me in fervent prayer for the Holy Spirit to lead us and guide us through this transition!

At our council meeting last evening, we were all in agreement that we will move forward in this area of ministry as God leads us. We will not rush into the search for a replacement. We anticipate an extended council mini-retreat this fall to reflect upon current best practices regarding ministry to youth and families, all-congregation fellowship opportunities and what shape a new

position might take, to serve our congregation and expanding community well in 2027 and the coming years. As you know, ministry to and with children and youth is not the same as it was in the 1950's, '60's and '70's, and in many ways, it is not the same as it was when Molly began her ministry here ten years ago.

The Barna Group continues to study youth ministry realities, providing helpful data. The three most common challenges to youth ministry today are: busyness of youth-86%; lack of interest from parents—42%; breakdown of families—31%. Momentum Ministry Partners highlight five strategies for building effective youth ministry: 1. Discipleship over entertainment; 2. Relationships over programs; 3. Long-term faith over short-term excitement; 4. Student empowerment over passive consumption; 5. Community-building over individual events.

Be assured, our church leaders will be in prayerful study, reflection and discernment regarding this transition to a new staff person, the direction of our youth ministry and desired outcomes. The council is committed to leading faithfully and intentionally through this transition. Be assured, also, that when the Holy Spirit leads us to God's choice for our next youth and family staff person, we will be ready to move forward!

In the meantime, we will need your help! We have a functioning Youth and Family team, which we will trust to keep activities happening. I will step in to teach the Women's Wednesday Bible study, if they'll have me! We will need organization of our fall Sunday School program as a matter of first importance, as well as someone to schedule and organize assisting ministers and acolytes. Soon, it will be time to begin planning for the Advent/Christmas program, so watch the Voice and announcement folders for updates and information!

If there are ways you think you can help during this transition, please let me know! And let's be praying for Molly, giving her the chance to end her ministry here at Grace well, as God leads her to a new and exciting call!

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.



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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.

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost, August 2: 8:15: 60; 11:00: 83; total: 143

MUSIC NOTES

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” – arr. Wilbur Held

This is a hymn with tragedy at its origins. In 1932, Thomas Dorsey (1899-1993) and his first wife, Nettie, were living in Chicago and expecting their first baby. He was invited to sing at a revival meeting and drove to St. Louis. The next night, during the revival, he was informed that his wife had just died. She had given birth to a boy, but the boy also died that night. Dorsey says he “fell apart. For days I closeted myself. I felt that God had done me an injustice. I didn’t want to serve Him anymore or write gospel songs.” His friend, Professor Theodore Frye, took him to a room with a piano and left him there alone. Dorsey says “I sat down at the piano, and my hands began to browse over the keys. Something happened to me. I felt at peace. I felt as though I could reach out and touch God. I found myself playing a melody, one I’d never heard or played before, and words came into my head – they just seemed to fall into place.” The words were “Precious Lord, take my hand.”

“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me” – Clay Christiansen

The author, Edward Hopper (1816-1888), was Presbyterian pastor of the Church of the Sea and Land in New York City, where many in the congregation were sailors. Using pictures of life on the sea, he includes the story of Jesus commanding the waves “to be still.” The last stanza uses the picture of death as leading on the other shore after crossing the treacherous waters of this life.

“Amazing Grace” – arr. Christopher Hoch

Based on King David’s review of his kingdom before the Lord (I Chronicles 17:16-17) and entitled “faith’s review and expectations,” the text is John Newton’s (1725-1807) personal testimony of his early life on a slave ship that was turned around by an “amazing grace” that “saved a wretch like me.”

“It Is Well with My Soul” – arr. David Evan Thomas

These words were written by Horatio G. Spafford following the loss of four daughters in an accident at sea. The family was scheduled to travel to Europe in November 1873. Being delayed by last minute business developments, Spafford sent his wife and the girls on ahead. In mid-ocean their ship, the French liner Ville du Havre, collided with an English sailing ship and foundered. Mrs. Spafford only was saved and cabled her husband “saved alone.” Spafford started immediately for Europe and, while on the high seas near the scene of the tragedy, wrote this hymn.

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save” – arr. Wayne L. Wold

Known as the sailors’ hymn, it follows a Trinitarian pattern with three scriptural bases: Job 38:10, 11 where God prescribes the ocean’s boundaries; Matthew 8:23-27 and 14:22-32 where Christ stills the storm and walks on the sea; Genesis 1:2 where the Spirit of God brooded over the face of the deep and created order from chaos. The final stanza is a summary prayer to the Trinity for the safety of sailors – and all of us are sailors on the sea of life.

Serving Today

PREACHER/ OFFICIATING	The Rev. Dr. David Wendel
COMMISSIONED LAY MINISTER	Molly King
ORGANIST	Linda Hoch
SACRISTAN	Fred Pfanz
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Dr. Helen Kang
BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR	Maria Laderman
GRACE YOUTH WIND BAND	Benny Hoch - Bells Maggie Hoch - Trumpet Philip Young - Trumpet Gabriel Young - Trombone Emily Odum - French Horn Hannah Laderman - Clarinet
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	8:15 Bill Kulju, Regina Place 11:00 Nelson Grover, Sue Monroe
ASSISTING MINISTER	8:15 Donna Dettmann 11:00 Roger Retherford
ACOLYTE	8:15 Leah Place 11:00 Nate Holmes
CANTOR	Julie Hotchkiss
LECTOR	8:15 Heather Bush 11:00 Karen Holmes
USHERS	8:15 Bela Bernhardt, Chris Banks, John Kotik 11:00 Joe Moleno, Merlin Breen, Dick Jones, Brice Graves
GREETERS	8:15 Sue Miller 11:00 Tom and Linda Seamon
ALTAR GUILD	Team 3- Vanessa Stewart, Lois Bernhardt, Jodie Arreguin, Amy Quinn, Linda Reasoner, Ellen Paulus, Joanne Figge
NURSERY ATTENDANTS	Kaitlyn F., Donna P.
SOUND TECHNICIANS	Chris Banks, Eric Bush, Dan George, Paul Grant, Brice Graves

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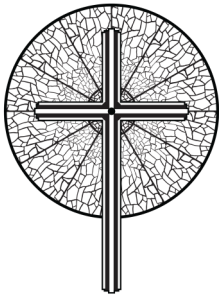
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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church has been serving the Westerville community for more than 115 years, supporting local ministries such as the Westerville Area Resource Ministry, Westerville Partnership Habitat for Humanity, and Westerville CROP Walk. 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: Aug. 9– 16, 2026

Amazing God-- Amazing Grace-- Amazing Worship!

August 9

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost/ Thanksgiving and Farewell 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

MON

6:30 pm

Monday Evening Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 pm

Grace Sisterhood @ The Hoover Bar and Kitchen

TUES

6:30 pm

Band of Brothers: Bros and Brews @ The John Morrison Home

8:00 pm

AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WED.

10:30 am

Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

THURS

7:30 pm

AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

FRI.

4-7pm

Westerville Habitat Partnership Wall-Build Set-up @ WARM

7:05 pm

Clipper's Game hosted by Youth and Family

8:00 pm

AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SAT

7:30-11am

Westerville Habitat Partnership Wall-Build @ WARM

9:30 am

AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

8:00 pm

AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

August 16

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

8:15 am

Worship Service

11:00 am

Worship Service

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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"Help Wanted: Altar Guild Leader(s) Needed!" Are you someone who loves the Lord, cherishes the Lord's Supper and the blessing of worship? Our long-time and much appreciated Altar Guild leader, Vanessa Stewart, would like to step down. We are looking for a person, persons or perhaps two couples who would like to be leader or co-leaders of our Altar Guild! Everything we do at Grace Lutheran Church revolves around God's grace, offered to us freely in Word and Sacrament. Our Altar Guild lovingly, prayerfully and respectfully prepares our church and sanctuary for worship so that the faithful can gather to receive God's gifts of grace. Perhaps current Altar Guild members would consider serving as leader or there may be others in the congregation who are looking for a way to become more involved! If you are interested or have questions, please see Vanessa or Pastor Wendel. We are hoping to have a new Altar Guild leader or leaders trained and in place by September! Thanks for prayerfully considering whether God might be calling you to serve in this way! **-Pr.DW**



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 August 30)

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church is committed to helping children and families grow in faith and community.

CONTACT: Pr. David Wendel or the office at 614-882-3026

BIBLE STUDIES & FAITH FORMATION

*Grow deeper in understanding and fellowship through
study, discussion, and prayer.*

- **SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS****SUNDAY CLASS-** The adult class will begin our Fall session on August 30th at 9:45 in the fellowship hall and is facilitated by Bill Kulju. Our first study is titled "NOOMA" - The word NOOMA is a phonetic spelling of the Greek word pneuma, which means wind or spirit. This study is a series of short Christian films featuring author and speaker Rob Bell. Each short video blends everyday life events with teachings about God, Jesus, and our faith. This series is designed to start discussions rather than provide all the answers.
- **"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 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 August 3rd, 6:30 PM** for a four-session study on “What Lutherans Really Believe”. We will take a brief break and then resume Monday evening Bible study on September 14th, (Holy Cross Day!), 6:30 PM. 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.** 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 23, Lunch Club
- 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.



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!

Handbell Petting Zoo Sunday, August 30th at 9:45am between services in the sanctuary. Come explore the wonderful world of handbells! Our Handbell Petting Zoo is a fun, hands-on opportunity for teens and adults to touch, hold, and try ringing real handbells. Learn the basics of proper ringing technique, discover how different bells create different notes, and experience what it's like to make music as a handbell ringer. No musical experience is needed for the Petting Zoo! Just curiosity and a willingness to give it a ring! In addition, Grace Ringers is looking to expand our roster. If you can read basic music and keep up with the beat, handbells may be a great new hobby! Attend the Petting Zoo or contact Maria Laderman directly.



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.

CHURCH GREETERS– By Denise Reynard



Did you know that Church greeters are vital and are Grace's "front door" to our congregation serving as a first living impression of our church. Did you know most first-time visitors decide whether they will return within the first ten minutes of arrival, a warm, helpful greeting eliminates awkwardness and makes people feel safe and welcome. So smile, wear your name tag and shake hands. Tell everyone how happy you are that they are here.

A strong greeting team is far more than just a logistical task; it is a vital ministry that may impact a visitor's willingness to engage with the gospel. Your importance can be broken down into four critical areas:

1. Shaping First Impressions

Walking into a new church can feel intimidating. Guests often wonder if they will be judged, if they are dressed appropriately, or if they will know anyone. A smiling, prepared greeter signals immediate acceptance, putting visitors at ease and making them receptive to the service.

2. Providing Practical Guidance

To a first-time visitor, a church building can feel like a foreign country. Greeters act as essential tour guides by pointing out restrooms, water fountains, the nursery or where ever someone needs to go.

3. Fostering Community Connection

Research shows that people typically connect and stay at a church because of the relationships they build, not just the institution itself. Effective greeters help embed visitors into the congregation by striking up conversations, remembering their names, and introducing them to other members, ushers, or pastors.

4. Reflecting Gospel Hospitality

Serving as a greeter is a counter-cultural act of hospitality. By welcoming everyone with warmth and grace, greeters embody the biblical priority of hospitality found in the early church. They create an environment where people don't just feel attended to, but truly *seen*.

So now that you know how important Greeters are to our church and congregation, please consider being a greeter. We are looking for greeters for both services and special and holiday services.

I am also looking for a new a captain for the months of February/August. This just means that during those 2 months you, as the captain, are seeking out greeters to cover both the 8:15 and 11:00 services using our list of AWESOME volunteers. I usually send out a mass email to get everything started. I may have to send out another email. I would also suggest not waiting until a week before to start trying to get coverage.

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!

SAVE THE DATE:

Who: Everyone

What: Rally around the Cross Church Picnic

When: September 13, 2026, after the 11:00 Service

Where: Here at Grace Lutheran Church, outside weather permitting

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- The church provides hot dogs, hamburgers and buns.
- Lemonade and water will be available.
- Each family will need to bring a side dish or dessert for everyone to share.
- We are also having the Secret Ingredient Cook/Bake off again. The ingredient will be
- picked by Pastor and announced at church a couple of weeks prior to the picnic.
- Hang out and enjoy the company. You can bring a deck of cards, yard games, etc.

There will be a sign-up sheet. This will let us know how many hot dogs and hamburgers we will need.



If you have any questions or thoughts, please reach out to Denise at denise.reynard@rocketmail.com

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.



Open Practice Session for Dartball Season - from Captain Chris Banks. The season will begin on Thursday, August 27. In preparation, there will be an optional open practice on Thursday, August 20 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Gathering Space. We're always looking for new players! If interested, stop on by on the 20th, or reach out to Chris. All games are on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to around 9:00. For away games, we meet at the church at 6:30 and carpool to churches in Pickerington, Grove City, Obetz, and Reynoldsburg to name a few. The season runs through early March.



Art & Environment Ministry (A&E) helps create the welcoming and meaningful atmosphere of Grace through the visual beauty of our worship spaces. This ministry prepares the sanctuary for each liturgical season with banners, flowers, plants, and seasonal décor, while also caring for the greenery throughout the building and helping with artistic enhancements. Whether you enjoy decorating, caring for plants, lending a hand during special seasonal decorating days, or supporting the ministry through altar flower donations, there are many ways to get involved. The team meets on the first Thursday of each month at 1pm during the school year, and meeting times can be adjusted to welcome new members. For more information, contact Sue Mahrt (stevemahrt@yahoo.com) or Karen Grant (klgrant627@gmail.com).



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) August



Most Needed list: Body Lotion; Cereal; Deodorant; Low Salt Canned Vegetables; Paper Towels; Pasta Sauce; Pudding/Jello Mix; Shaving Cream; Sugar (Brown/Granulated); Toilet Paper; Vinegar. 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.



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

Westerville Farmers Market - We're There On July 18th, Jim Caldwell, George and Ellen Paulus manned our tent at the Westerville Farmers Market. Grace Ambassadors have been the face of Grace at the Market on June 20 and July 18. Next month, August 29, will be the final time this Summer that we will be there. Contact Joanne Figge

Westerville Habitat Partnership- It's been 35 years as a church-involved partnership, and we are building another home through Habitat for Humanity on August 15! 7:30 am - 10:30 am. You can sign up to help by nailing precut walls together! We will train you and encourage you! Go to Sign Up Genius to volunteer your time! westervillehabitatpartnership.org
Contact Joanne Figge



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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 **Team Grace** for WARM's **Hunger Heroes 5K** on **Saturday, August 29** at the **Westerville Sports Complex** (325 N. Cleveland Ave.).

This fun community event raises awareness and funds to fight food insecurity during Hunger Action Awareness Month. Every step we take—and every dollar we raise—helps provide nutritious food for local families through Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM). Whether you walk, run, or cheer from the sidelines, you can make a difference! Register to join Team Grace or make a donation to support our fundraising efforts at **runsignup.com/gracehungerhero** or **scan the QR code below**. Together, we can be Hunger Heroes and make an impact, one step at a time!

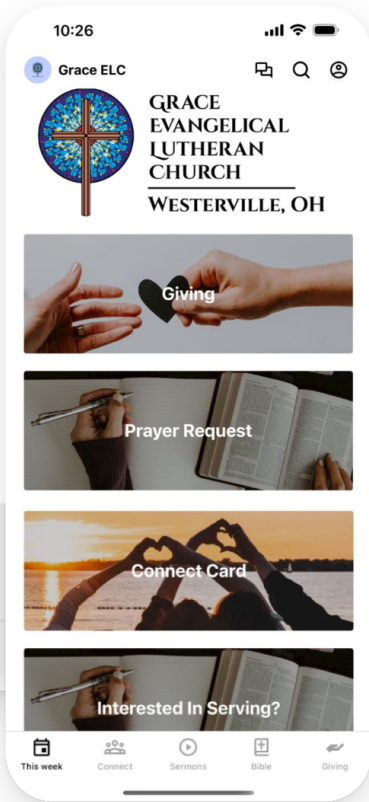


The Horn of My Salvation

Find the 39 **bold** words from Psalm 18:1-6 (ESV).

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

I love you, O **LORD**, my **strength**. The LORD is my **rock** and my **fortress** and my **deliverer**, my **God**, my rock, in whom I **take refuge**, my **shield**, and the **horn** of my **salvation**, my **stronghold**. I **call upon** the LORD, who is **worthy** to be **praised**, and I am **saved** from my **enemies**. The **cords** of **death** **encompassed** me; the **torrents** of **destruction** **assailed** me; the cords of **Sheol** **entangled** me; the **snares** of death **confronted** me. In my **distress** I **called** upon the LORD; to my God I **cried** for **help**. From his **temple** he **heard** my **voice**, and my **cry** to him **reached** his **ears**.



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