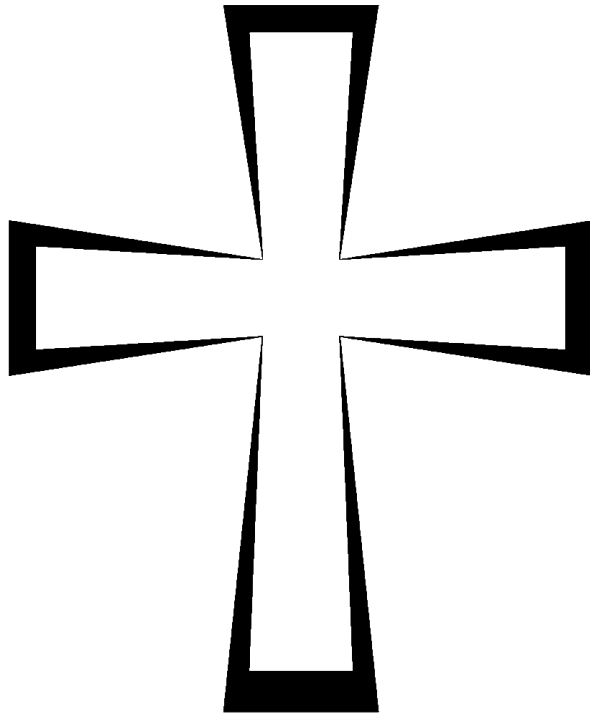


Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost



August 30, 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

"As the Deer" - Martin Nystrom/arr. Lloyd Larson

Carleigh Benson and Joseph Worrell - Vocal Duet

"Morning Has Broken" - arr. Cathy Moklebust

Maria Laderman - Bell Tree

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C **Amen.**

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

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

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

C **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN

"O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth" (v. 1-2)

1 O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth, your liv - ing
2 In blind re - volt we would not see that reb - el
fin - ger nev - er wrote that life should be an
wills wrought death and night. We seized and used in
aim - less mote, a death - ward drift from fu - tile birth.
fear and spite your won - drous gift of lib - er - ty.
Your Word meant life tri - um - phant hurled in splen - dor
We walled us in this house of doom, where death had
through your bro - ken world; since light a - woke and life be - gan,
roy - al scope and room, un - til your ser - vant, Prince of Peace,
you made for us a ho - ly plan.
broke down its walls for our re - lease.

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”

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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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.
O Lord our God, we thank you for your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by His example, point us to the path of cross-bearing and obedience, and give us strength to follow His commands; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I

am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? ¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: “If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

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

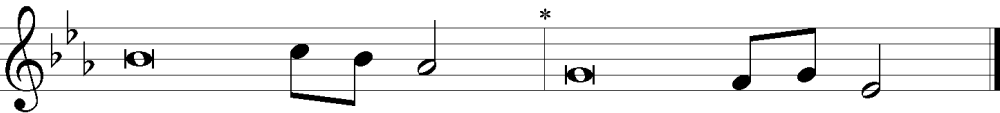
Psalm 26

Refrain



Your love is be-fore my eyes; I have walked faith-ful-ly with you.

Psalm Tone



L ¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and | have not faltered.

C ²**Test me, O | LORD, and try me;
examine my heart | and my mind.**

L ³For your love is be- | fore my eyes;
I have walked faith- | fully with you.

C ⁴**I have not sat | with the worthless,
nor do I consort with | the deceitful. Refrain**

L ⁵I have hated the company of | evildoers;
I will not sit down | with the wicked.

C ⁶**I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession | round your altar,**

L ⁷Singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving
and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.

C ⁸**LORD, I love the house in | which you dwell
and the place where your glo- | ry abides. Refrain**

L ⁹Do not sweep me a- | way with sinners,
nor my life with those who | thirst for blood,

C ¹⁰**Whose hands are full of | evil plots,
and their right hand | full of bribes.**

L ¹¹As for me, I will live | with integrity;
redeem me, O LORD, and have pit- | y on me.

C ¹²**My foot stands on | level ground;
in the full assembly I will | bless the LORD. Refrain**

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

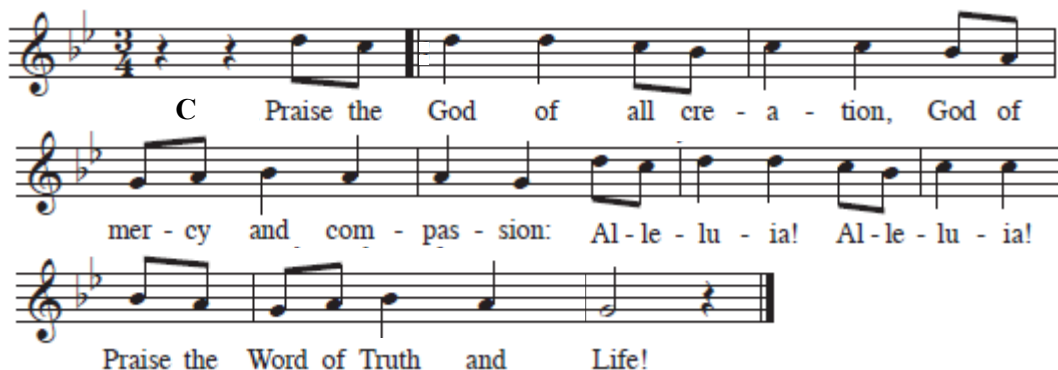
¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the LORD." ²⁰To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give

him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.”²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

ALLELUIA VERSE (*John 6:68*)



HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

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

²¹Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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: "New Life in Christ!"

The Rev. David Wendel

After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus"



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;
2 In the wa - ter and the wit-ness, in the break-ing of the bread,
3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,
glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread-ful death like his,
God has made a new be - gin-ning from the ash - es of our past;
as it was in the be - gin-ning, glo - ry now re-sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

APOSTLES' CREED

A We confess our Christian faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

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

After each petition:

A Lord, in your mercy;

C Hear our prayer.

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

C Amen.

Remember in our prayers... Jan Perry, Cynthia Bertelsen, Terry Riesen, Eddie Hardick, Jan Boughton, Lon Landis, David Doll, Don Melick, Tom Zawodny, Betty Milner, Rod Rice, Sue Ross, Mary Ross, Jim Ross, and the family of Jim Bartholomew

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

Maria Laderman - Bell Tree, Linda Hoch - Piano

"I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord" - *arr. Cathy Moglebust*

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)



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...

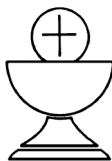
- P Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. (*John 1:29*)
- C **Blessed are those who are invited to the supper of the Lamb!** (*Revelation 19:9*)

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.

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

"Baptized in Water"

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Maranatha" - arr. Ron Schmoltze

Linda Hoch- Organ

After all have communed, please stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

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

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



RECESSIONAL HYMN "O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth" (v. 3-4)



3 You came in - to our hall of death, O Christ, to
4 O Spir - it, who did once re - store the church, that
breathe our poi - soned air, to drink for us the
it might yet re - call to the bring - er of good
deep de - spair that stran - gled our re - luc - tant breath.
news to all: breathe on your clo - ven church once more,
How beau - ti - ful the feet that trod the road to
that in these gray and lat - ter days there may be
bring good news from God! How beau - ti - ful the feet that bring
those whose life is praise, each life a high dox - ol - o - gy
good tid - ings of our sav - ing king!
un - to the ho - ly Trin - i - ty.

THE RITE OF SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

Linda Hoch

"Poco Vivace" - Hermann Schroeder

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

Flowers are given by...

Julie and Will Hartfelder in celebration of our 51st anniversary.

Please keep Wanda Bartholomew and family in your prayers, as husband Jim Bartholomew passed away August 22, 2026.

Romans 14: *Whether we live or whether we die, we belong to the Lord.*

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



Scan to *Simply Give*

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

- online <https://grace-evangelical-luther.subspla.sh/87gkyf2>,
- through the app (<https://subsplash.com/grace-evangelical-luther/app>) or
- Scan the QR code to *Simply Give* today.

Financial Update: If you would like a copy of the full monthly Treasurer's report as presented to Council, please reach out to the Treasurer, Jim Caldwell and it will be emailed to you.

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost, August 23: 8:15: 68; 11:00: 112; total: 180

MUSIC NOTES

"As the Deer" – Martin Nystrom/arr. Lloyd Larson

This song by Martin Nystrom (b. 1956) is his most famous composition. He wrote it in 1981, although it was only published in 1984. In the summer of 1981, Nystrom was 24 years old. He was teaching music and decided to travel to Dallas, Texas for the summer because there was a girl there that he was pursuing. The relationship didn't work out, and he found himself depressed and really upset. A friend challenged him to take up a water-only fast because of the spiritual state he was in, thinking this might reconnect him with God. He decided to take up the challenge. Nineteen days into this water-only fast, he was broken, depressed, and still sad about this girl. He sat down that day and started to play chords on the piano. Before he knew it, the song had come out. There on his music stand was an open Bible on Psalm 42, which says in the old King James, *As the hart panteth for the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.* He just saw it and started to fit those words into the chords he was playing. Before long he had a verse and a chorus.

"Morning Has Broken" – arr. Cathy Mokebust

Sometimes the secular world helps make a sacred song popular, and this is the case with this hymn. The Gaelic melody first appeared with a Christmas text, "Child in a manger," but is was

the source of inspiration for the morning text by Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965), who wrote nursery rhymes and singing games for children. Farjeon's hymn first appeared in *Songs of Praise* in 1931.

“I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord” – arr. Cathy Moglebust

This hymn was written by Brian Wren (b. 1936), a major British figure in the revival of contemporary hymn writing. He studied French literature at New College and theology at Mansfield College in Oxford, England. Ordained in 1965, he was pastor of the Congregational Church (now United Reformed) in Hockley and Hawkeville, Essex, from 1965 to 1970. He worked for the British Council of Churches and several other organizations involved in fighting poverty and promoting peace and justice. Wren now resides in the United States where he is active as a freelance lecturer, preacher, and full-time hymn writer.

“Maranatha” – arr. Ron Schmoltze

The word *Maranatha* is an ancient Aramaic phrase meaning “Come, Lord!” or “Our Lord, come!” (1 Corinthians 16:22). It expresses a deep, joyful longing for the second coming of Jesus Christ at the end of time.

“Poco Vivace” – Hermann Schroeder

Hermann Schroeder (1904 – 1984) was a German composer, teacher, organist and choirmaster. On his mother's side he had common ancestry with Beethoven. Schroeder's importance as a composer is in the sphere of Catholic music, which he did much to reform. By combining stylistic techniques from the Middle Ages (fauxbourdon, Gregorian modes, etc.) and 20th century polyphony, he did much to break the monopoly of Romantic music in the Catholic Church. His music catalog includes much organ music as well as folk-song settings, German settings of the Ordinary and Proper of the Mass, and chamber music (especially with the organ).

Serving Today

PREACHER/ OFFICIATING	The Rev. Dr. David Wendel
ORGANIST	Linda Hoch
SACRISTAN	Fred Pfanz
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Dr. Helen Kang
BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR	Maria Laderman
ASSISTING MINISTER	Fred Pfanz
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	8:15 Chris Banks, Paul Whitacre, Regina Place 11:00 Eric Bush, Heather Bush, Tami Stone
ACOLYTE	8:15 Leah Place 11:00 Selah French
CANTOR	Nami Clark
LECTOR	8:15 Aaron Singleton 11:00 Sue Mahrt
USHERS	8:15 Randy Stoll, Robert Andrews, Steve Young 11:00 Jeremy Clark, Jim Claflin, Paul Hotchkiss
GREETERS	8:15 Denise Reynard 11:00 Becky and Larry Seifert
LITTLE LAMBS	8:15 Ellen Paulus 11:00 Vanessa Stewart
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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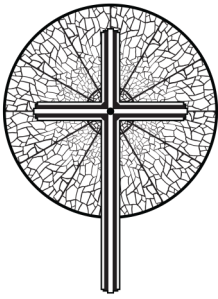
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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church has been serving the Westerville community for more than 115 years, supporting local ministries such as the Westerville Area Resource Ministry, Westerville Partnership Habitat for Humanity, and Westerville CROP Walk. 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. 30– Sept. 6, 2026

Amazing God-- Amazing Grace-- Amazing Worship!

August 30

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:15 am Worship Service
9:45 am Adult Learning Resumes (Fellowship Hall)
9:45 am Handbell Petting Zoo (Sanctuary)
11:00 am Worship Service
7-8pm Recital Fundraiser for Choir Tour benefiting Joseph Worrell and
 Carleigh Benson (Sanctuary)
Trunk or Treat Candy collection and Truck sign-up kicks off

MON

TUES 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WED. 10:30 am Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
 7:00 pm Singers Rehearsal (Rose Garden 2 & 3)

THURS 1:00 pm Art and Environment (Loaves and Fishes Café)
 6:30 pm Dartball
 7:30 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

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

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

September 6

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

(Presiding: *Pastor Emeritus Will Hartfelder*)

8:15 am Worship Service
9:45 am Adult Learning Resumes (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 am Worship Service
CROP Walk Fundraiser kicks off

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

Day / Date	Event
Thursday, September 3	Dartball Kicks Off
Tuesday, September 8	Katharine Circle Kicks Off— 1:00 PM
Wednesday, September 9	Grace Chancel Choir Rehearsals Kick Off—7:00 PM
Wednesday, September 9	Kairos Cookies Due
Saturday, September 12	NALC Disaster Response Item Deadline
Sunday, September 13	Sunday School and Confirmation Kickoff — 9:40 AM
Sunday, September 13	Rally Day / Homecoming Picnic
Sunday, September 13	GYG Rally Day Kickoff — After Church Picnic until 3:00 PM
Monday, September 14	Ruth Circle Kicks Off—1:00 PM
Tuesday, September 15	Blood Drive — Noon–6:00 PM
Sunday, September 20	Amazing Grace — 4:00 PM
Saturday, September 26	Joyful Voices Children & Youth Choral Day Camp — 10:00 AM–4:00 PM
Sunday, September 27	Secret Sister Chili Cookoff — 12:30 PM
Sunday, September 27	Bake Sale Benefiting CROP Walk — Between Services
Sunday, October 18	Trunk or Treat — 2:00–4:00 PM; Set-up at 12:30 PM
Monday, October 19	Amazing Grace Youth Philharmonic of Central Ohio Concert
Sunday, October 25	Ministry Fair — Between Services
Sunday, October 25	Commitment / Pledge Sunday
Sunday, October 25	Amazing Grace Reformation Sunday Concert — 4:00 PM
Tuesday, November 3	Polling Location
Monday, November 9– Tuesday, November 10	Senior Trip to Frankenmuth, MI
Sunday, November 15	Annual Meeting — 12:30 PM
Tuesday, November 17	Blood Drive — Noon–6:00 PM
Monday, November 30	LifeLine Screening — 9:00 AM–3:00 PM
Wednesday, December 2	Midweek Advent Services Begin
Sunday, December 6	Secret Sister Cookie Decorating
Friday, December 11	Westerville Habitat Partnership Progressive Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 13	Youth Christmas Program
Sunday, December 13	Amazing Grace Scioto Valley Brass & Percussion Company Christmas Concert — 4:00 PM

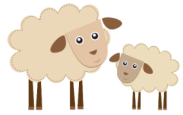
Volunteer Opportunities at Grace

There are several meaningful ways to get involved and share God's love through service at Grace!

Altar Guild Leaders Needed: Our longtime and much-appreciated Altar Guild leader, Vanessa Stewart, is ready to step down, and we are looking for a person, persons, or perhaps two couples to serve as leader or co-leaders. The Altar Guild lovingly and prayerfully prepares our church and sanctuary for worship, helping create a place where the faithful gather to receive God's gifts of grace through Word and Sacrament. Current Altar Guild members or others looking for a new way to become involved are encouraged to consider this opportunity. Training will be provided, with a goal of having new leadership in place by September.



Interested or have questions? Please speak with Vanessa Stewart or Pastor Wendel.



Little Lambs

Little Lambs Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed: Do you enjoy sharing God's love with children? Little Lambs 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 ministry possible. **If you have a heart for children and would like to serve, please contact the church office or Susan Riches.**



Sunday School Volunteers Needed: Help nurture the faith of our children and young people by supporting our Sunday School classes! We are especially looking for volunteers to assist with **grades 1-4 and 5-6**. Whether you can teach regularly, assist a teacher, or occasionally lend a hand, your involvement can make a meaningful difference. **Interested in supporting Sunday School? Please contact Cindy Odum or Denise Reynard.**

Art & Environment Ministry (A&E): Help create the welcoming and meaningful atmosphere of Grace through the visual beauty of our worship spaces. A&E prepares the sanctuary for each liturgical season with banners, flowers, plants, and seasonal décor, while also caring for 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 1:00 PM during the school year**, and meeting times can be adjusted to welcome new members. **For more information, contact Sue Mahrt at**



stevemahrt@yahoo.com or Karen Grant at klgrant627@gmail.com.

Whether you have a little time or are looking for a deeper way to serve, **there is a place for you at Grace!** We invite you to prayerfully consider where God may be calling you to share your gifts.

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.



**WORSHIP SPACE
FLOWERS**



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, and EDUCATION

Growing in Faith • Growing in Community

We're excited to support families and help children and youth grow in faith!

SUNDAY MORNING & WORSHIP- Available at both worship services.

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 are 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

Ages 3 – 3rd Grade

Children leave worship after the Gospel reading for a fun, age-appropriate Bible lesson and return during the offering for Holy Communion.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Preschool – High School

Sundays • 9:40–10:30 AM

Adult Morning Class

Sundays • 9:45–10:45 AM

September through Memorial Day Weekend

GRACE YOUTH GROUP (GYG)

A NEW FOCUS ON OUR YOUTH: We are refocusing our efforts and energy on the youth of our congregation by forming the **Grace Youth Group (GYG)**!



FIRST GYG MEETING: Sunday, September 13, Following the Church Picnic • Ends at 3:00 PM

GYG will then meet **weekly on Sunday evenings.**

YOUTH LED • ADULT SUPPORTED

The GYG is being shaped as “**youth led, adult supported,**” encouraging our youth to grow as disciples of Jesus, leaders, and servants.

OUR VISION FOR GYG: “*Our ministry with youth will connect young people with Jesus, His Church and each other, encouraging Christian leadership, discipleship and service in our church and community.*”

YOUTH, FAMILY & EDUCATION TEAM: *The team will support the Grace Youth Group while overseeing and nurturing our entire congregational family in Christ through Christ-centered, Bible-based teaching, growth as disciples, and service in church and community.*

Growing Together in Christ

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

BIBLE STUDIES & FAITH FORMATION

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

- **SUNDAY MORNING ADULT 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.
- **Grace Sisterhood’s** next meeting is **September 14 at 7pm at The Hoover Bar and Kitchen.** We will continue meeting the 2nd Monday of each month (so mark your 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 resumes on Tuesday, September 8 at 1 p.m. at church.** Please join us as we begin a new study on Ephesians. Contact Dorothy Crain at 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-Beginning 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 Monday, September 14.** Please contact Joanne Figge with any questions.
- **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.

GYG Rally Day Kickoff: Sunday, September 13 • After the Church Picnic until 3:00 PM



All middle school and high school youth are invited to our first reorganized **Grace Youth Group (GYG)** gathering on **Rally Day!** We'll meet immediately following the church picnic and gather until 3:00 PM.

This will be a time to get organized, plan future Sunday meetings and activities, and officially kick off our regular Sunday GYG gatherings. Come ready to share your ideas and help shape the future of GYG!



Grace Ringers Bell Choir: Contact Maria Laderman.

Grace Singers Chancel Choir: contact Helen Kang.

Joyful Voices Youth Choir rehearsal schedule: contact Helen Kang.

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.



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.



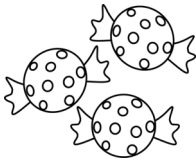
The Day Camp will be at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 100 E. Schrock Rd, Westerville, OH! Children and teens have an innate joy and creativity often expressed by singing. Studies show music offers a multitude of benefits, including improved language skills,

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!

Trunk or Treat Volunteers and Candy/Prize Collection: Help make our Merry, Not Scary



Trunk or Treat a fun afternoon for local families! We need 15 cars, families, groups, or organizations to decorate their trunks and pass out candy on Sunday, October 18. Decorating begins at 12:30 PM, with Trunk or Treat from 2–4 PM. Choose a fun, kid-friendly theme and get creative! Sign up at the Welcome Desk or <https://grace-evangelical-luther.subspla.sh/svn72sg>. Questions? Contact Abby Reynolds or Sarah Odum. A bin is located in the Gathering Space and East Narthex to collect candy and prizes to handout at the Trunk or Treat event.



Kids & Families: Trunk or Treat! Attention kids and youth! Bring your friends, neighbors, and classmates to Grace for our Merry, Not Scary Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 18, from 2–4 PM! Wear your favorite costume and travel from decorated trunk to decorated trunk for games, activities, and treats. It's a fun, family-friendly alternative to going door-to-door—or just another chance to wear that costume one more time! Everyone is welcome! Please sign up at the Welcome Desk or <https://grace-evangelical-luther.subspla.sh/dxpzkb6> so we know how many trick-or-treaters to expect.

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.



Pampered Chef Fundraiser benefiting Westerville Habitat Partnership:

The last two years, through this Pampered Chef Fundraiser, we have earned over \$2000 for Habitat! Orders may begin now, and will continue **through TODAY!** Westerville Habitat Partnership will receive 30% of total sales when this fundraiser ends!

We hope to raise \$1200 this year, as the need for affordable housing is still growing. Will you help us? **To place an order, type in this order link** <https://tinyurl.com/WHP2026> **or use the QR code**

Our consultant is Pam Aylor. If you have any questions about the products her contact information is: pam.aylor.pc@gmail.com or 614-325-2800



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 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.

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!



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



Dartball Season - from Captain Chris Banks. The season will begin on Thursday, August 27. We're always looking for new players! If interested, 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.

OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE the DATE for SERVICE

- **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)

September Most Needed list:

- ☐ Canned Meats: Chicken, Salmon, Tuna
- ☐ Canned Pasta
- ☐ Cereal
- ☐ Condiments
- ☐ Dish Soap
- ☐ Paper Towels
- ☐ Pasta Sauce-Alfredo
- ☐ Salad Dressing
- ☐ Shampoo/Conditioner
- ☐ 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.

Help Us Help Ohio Recover: Following the severe storms and flooding across Ohio, NALC Disaster Response is gathering supplies to help communities affected by the storms. **NOW through September 12, Grace is collecting Flood Buckets for NALC Disaster Response in the East Narthex and Gathering Space.**

Supplies Needed:

- ☐ Cleaning Buckets with a tight lid
- ☐ 1 five-gallon bucket with lid
- ☐ 1 jug bleach (1/2 gal. or smaller)
- ☐ 1 roll paper towels
- ☐ 2 rags
- ☐ Comet or scouring cleanser
- ☐ scrub brush
- ☐ gloves, 1 pair each, size L
 - ☐ kitchen or construction type
- ☐ 2 construction strength trash bags
- ☐ 1 small bottle of Pine Sol, or similar



We are also exploring the possibility of taking the collected supplies to the NALC Disaster Response warehouse in **Caldwell, Ohio, on Saturday, September 12.**

Interested in helping with the potential trip? Please let **Ellen Paulus** know. Volunteers would help deliver, unload, and organize the supplies.

Stay tuned for more details as plans develop!

Together, we can put our faith into action and bring practical help and hope to our neighbors across Ohio.

Intercessory Prayer Team: From Donna Dettmann

What did Martin Luther have to say about prayer:

GRACE
Intercessory
Prayer Team

- ☐ 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: <https://subsplash.com/u/-KJ4PQ7/forms/d/05aee550-f949-48db-a87c-d651dc398e69>

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





RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Our next Red Cross Blood Drive is **Tuesday, September 15 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



CROP Hunger Walk Team Is Forming!

Grace is putting together a team for the **2026 CROP Hunger Walk**, and we invite you to join us! Our mission is to reach out with the love of Jesus to grow disciples and serve our community—and walking to fight hunger is a wonderful way to live out that mission. Join **Team Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church** with your steps, your prayers, and your donations as we work together to fight hunger and poverty in Central Ohio and around the world. **75% of funds raised support Church World Service's global hunger-relief efforts, while 25% stays local** to support organizations including WARM, Mid-Ohio Food Collective, NSI Food Pantry, Westland Ecumenical Community Food Pantry, and Worthington Resource Pantry.

☐ **CROP Bake Sale & Basket Raffle – Sunday, September 27**

Watch for a sign-up sheet in the coming weeks, then stop by the **Gathering Space between services** to pick up some delicious treats and take a chance on a fun basket! Proceeds will support Team Grace and our CROP Hunger Walk fundraising efforts.

☐ **Impact Fair, Registration & Walk: 1:00 PM | Walk Send-Off: 2:00 PM at Scioto Audubon Metro Park-** Walk routes range from $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to 3.5 miles.

Sign up or donate to Team Grace today:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/team/grace-ev-lutheran-church-3>

Every step, donation, bake sale purchase, and raffle entry makes a difference. **Let's end hunger and poverty one step at a time!**



Cookies for Kairos Help Bake Cookies for Kairos #31

Volunteers are invited to bake cookies for Kairos Prison Ministry, sharing a simple gift of encouragement and God's love with the men at North Central Correctional Complex in Marion, Ohio, during Kairos #31, September 17–20, 2026.

- Please bake sturdy cookies, about 2–3 inches in diameter.
- Chocolate chip are the most popular cookie. Cookies like snickerdoodles are also popular.
- Package two dozen cookies in each one-gallon zip-top bag, and do not include notes in or on the bags.
- Avoid powdered sugar, frosting, raisins, burned, blemished, delicate, chewy, or sticky cookies.
- Please pray for the men who will receive them.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Jim Caldwell at 614-361-6631 or jtcfms@aol.com.

Please turn in cookies by Wednesday, September 9, 2026.

God bless you for your service to this ministry!



Jazz Vespers: A Charles Earland Hammond B3 Tribute

Join us **Sunday, September 20** for a special Jazz Vespers featuring acclaimed Hammond B3 organist **Linda Dachtyl** as part of the **Amazing Grace Concert Series**!

Linda is a gifted performer and composer whose musical experience spans **jazz, blues, rock, and classical music**. She holds a Bachelor of Music in Jazz Performance from Capital University and a Master of Arts in Percussion Pedagogy from The Ohio State University. She has also served as an adjunct music instructor at Kenyon College and Ohio Wesleyan University.

A longtime fixture in Central Ohio's jazz scene, Linda leads her own **B3 quartet** and the **QED jazz piano trio**. Her recordings have earned national attention, including *Blue Bop* and *For Hep Cats*, which reached #45 on the JazzWeek Top 100.

Linda has shared the stage with an impressive list of artists, including **Blue Lou Marini, Trudy Pitts, Gloria Coleman, Tony Monaco, Bobby Floyd, Hank Marr, Gene Ludwig, Sean Carney, Teeny Tucker**, and many others.

Come experience the soulful, swinging sound of the **Hammond B3** and celebrate the legacy of Charles Earland through an evening of worship and jazz!

- ☐ **Sunday, September 20, 2026**
- ☐ **Jazz Vespers featuring Linda Dachtyl**
- ☐ **Charles Earland Hammond B3 Tribute**
- ☐ **Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church**
- ☐ **Part of the Amazing Grace Concert Series**

No musical experience required—just come ready to listen, worship, and enjoy some incredible music!

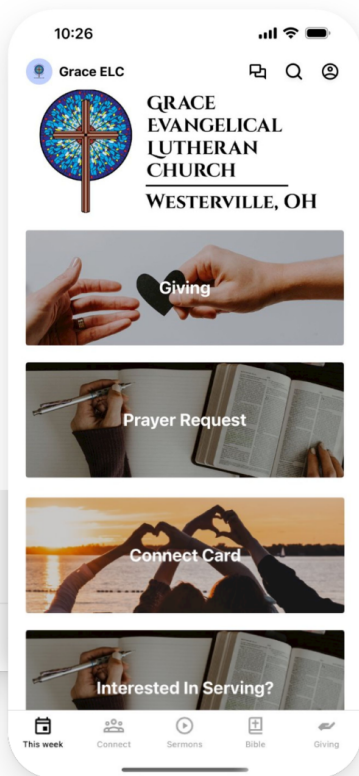
I Will Bless the Lord

Find the 40 **bold** words from Psalm 26:6-12 (ESV).

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O C D W D B J S L L E W D R B

I **wash** my **hands** in **innocence** and go **around** your **altar**, O LORD, **proclaiming thanksgiving aloud**, and **telling** all your **wondrous deeds**. O LORD, I **love** the **habitation** of your **house** and the place where your **glory dwells**. Do not **sweep** my **soul** away with **sinners**, nor my **life** with **bloodthirsty men**, in whose **hands** are **evil devices**, and whose right hands are **full** of **bribes**. But as for me, I **shall walk** in my **integrity**; **redeem** me, and be **gracious** to me. My **foot stands** on **level ground**; in the **great assembly** I will **bless** the LORD.

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